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New Rights Group Launched in Dixie!

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Climaxed by a mass meeting attended by over 2,000 persons, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was officially launched here with Dr. Martin L. King Jr. as president.

Registration lists compiled by hostesses Helen Goldston and Mentha Johnson listed persons registered from 12 states and the District of Columbia, in answer to the call of the Southern Leadership Conference formed last year at New Orleans.

THREE LABOR leaders, a New York woman and the Rev. Russell Roberts, Atlantic City, N. J. preacher, were guests of the meeting.

The labor leaders were: Theodore Brown, AFL-CIO, Washington, D. C.; Chris Hayes, United Packinghouse Workers, and Russell R. Cashley, international vice president of the UPW, both of Chicago, and Ella J. Baker of New York City, of the In Fellowship organization.

Purpose of the conference is to organize a Southwide register-and-vote campaign among Negroes, Dr. King explained. A national office will be set up in Atlanta, Ga. to coordinate the programs of the conference, Dr. King said. This office will have a full-time director, two assistants and a secretary. It is expected to be in operation before the end of this year.

Funds for the new organization will come from church contributions, trade unions, foundations and other areas, Dr. King said at a press conference following the organization meeting.

THE VOTING GOALS will be sought for the 1958 and 1960 elections, Dr. King said. The organization will also put on a public relations program to educate the

Negro public, and conduct voting clinics around the South.

No date was set for the next meeting, but it will be held in Memphis, Tenn., Dr. King announced.

Officers of the Conference are: Dr. King, president; Rev. C. K. Steele, Tallahassee, first vice president; Rev. A. L. Davis, New Orleans, second vice president; Rev. Samuel W. Williams, Atlanta, third vice president; Rev. Theodore J. Jamison, Baton Rouge, secretary; Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, Birmingham, corresponding secretary; Medgar Evers, Jackson, Miss., assistant secretary; Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Montgomery, treasurer; Dr. Lawrence Reddick, Montgomery, historian; Rev. Kelley Miller Smith, Nashville, chaplain; Atty. Louis Berry, parliamentarian.

The Conference adopted three resolutions. One called for a strong civil rights bill and decried intimidations of Negroes in the South. Another deplored the "gestapo-type suppressor of the Tuskegee Civic Association," and urged "more adequate federal protection for citizens in the pursuit of their fundamental rights."

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- Mr. Kelly

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SAC, Atlanta

September 20, 1957

Director, FBI

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed herewith for your information is a copy of an article concerning captioned organization which appeared in the August 17, 1957, issue of the "Pittsburgh Courier."

In the absence of any indication that the Communist Party has attempted, or is attempting, to infiltrate this organization you should conduct no investigation in this matter. However, in view of the stated purpose of the organization you should remain alert for public source information concerning it in connection with the racial situation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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IS - CReference is made to Bureau letter dated July 28, 1958,
captioned (COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS)
and to Atlanta letter dated 9/5/58 of same caption.SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

- (1) Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in September 1957, had offices located in Waluhaje, 239 West Lake Avenue, Atlanta, Ga. (Founded by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., of Montgomery, Alabama, with funds remaining unexpended from Montgomery Improvement Association).

Appears to be target for infiltration.

- (2) No infiltration known by CP members.

- (3) Dr. LONNIE CROSS, a member of the Socialist Workers Party and past correspondent on "The Militant" was reported in September 1957 as working with Dr. KING in Atlanta.

- (4) Coverage of this group is had through public source material, a confidential source, and two sources of information.

- (5) A dead file was established in Atlanta on the SCLC in September 1957. (Atlanta file 100-5718). It is not believed that above organization warrants active investigation at this time as nature of group's activities are open and subject to coverage by Press. Their prime objective is through public gatherings and meetings to induce Negro qualified citizens to register for voting purposes.

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On November 9, 1957. [redacted]

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The above information was received on 11/18/57 from

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NY 2002-S* on 4/16/58 furnished a report to the Southern Regional Committee of the Communist Party - USA, which report was prepared by the Virginia District Organizer which sets forth a program to strengthen the right to vote movement in the South. Included in this program was "that the program and activities of the Southern Christian Leaders Conference be brought widely to the people." (u)

An Intelligence Summary prepared by G-2, Third Army Headquarters, February 1958, reported that on February 12, 1958, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held "Crusade for Citizenship Rallies" in 20 southern cities to launch the Negro voters registration drive.

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(u) AT 100-5718

(u) ~~SECRET~~ Bureau Confidential Informant [] on September 18, 1957, advised that LONNIE CROSS is now working with the Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, of Montgomery, Alabama, out of Atlanta, Georgia. b7D

It is to be noted that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., opened an office in Atlanta using the name Southern Christian Leadership Conference in September 1957.

There is no other information available in Atlanta except as noted above reflecting on Communist Party interest or other subversive interest on the activities in this group.

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The Attorney General

March 19, 1958

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Director, FBI

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CIVIL RIGHTS CASES INVOLVING
DENIAL OF RIGHT TO VOTE IN
MISSISSIPPI

In light of the recent developments in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which arose while this Bureau was conducting an investigation of the alleged denial of the right to register, I wanted to bring to your attention the following information with respect to similar cases which might arise in the State of Mississippi.

The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama, was during 1957 named as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The purpose of such a conference is to organize a southwide register and vote campaign among the Negroes. According to the January 31, 1958, issue of the "Atlanta Constitution," Atlanta, Georgia, the conference announced its plans for a "Crusade for Citizenship" designed to double Negro voting registration in the south by 1960.

The February 3, 1958, issue of the "Memphis Press-Scimitar," Memphis, Tennessee, reflected that the Regional Council of Negro Leadership had mailed letters to officials of 31 counties in Mississippi in which "Negroes are 'denied the right to vote and register.'" The article also reflected that the letters had been addressed to the sheriffs and the circuit clerks. It was indicated that this was the first step in a campaign by the organization to increase the number of Negro voters in Mississippi by 100,000. The organization allegedly told the clerks and sheriffs that a survey showed several methods of intimidation had been used in the 31 counties to keep Negroes from casting votes. The organization planned to carry the matter to Governor Coleman of Mississippi if the county officials did not take action and if the Governor did not remedy the situation the Regional Council of Negro Leadership would go before the Civil Rights Commission.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 3/18/58

FROM : F. L. Price

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS CASES INVOLVING
DENIAL OF RIGHT TO VOTE IN
MISSISSIPPI

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The Director has instructed that memorandum be forwarded to the Attorney General, White, and Walsh regarding statements made by SAC Lopez that Rev. Martin Luther King was head of a group which planned to register at least 100,000 additional colored voters in the south in time to vote in November, 1958, and that Clarence Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) had furnished information to Governor Coleman of Mississippi and to the Department of Justice alleging specific instances in which county officials in 30 counties in Mississippi had denied Negroes the opportunity to register because of their race. Lopez further stated that two cases had been received at Memphis and this might be a forerunner of a large number of similar complaints.

Rev. Martin Luther King is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which has planned a southwide register and vote campaign among the Negroes. According to a news article on January 31, 1958, the conference planned a "Crusade for Citizenship" with the aim of doubling Negro voting registration in the south by 1960.

By letterhead memorandum February 7, 1958, the Memphis Office reported that the February 3, 1958, issue of "Memphis Press-Scimitar" contained an article that the Regional Council of Negro Leadership had mailed letters to officials of 31 counties in Mississippi in which Negroes are "denied the right to vote and register." These letters allegedly were the first step in a campaign to increase the number of Negro voters by 100,000. This organization planned to carry the matter to Governor Coleman of Mississippi if the county officers did not take action and if Coleman should fail to remedy the situation the group planned to go before U. S. Civil Rights Commission. This information was furnished to the Civil Rights Division on February 14, 1958.

The Bureau has received three requests for investigation from the Civil Rights Division regarding three counties in Mississippi where Negroes are allegedly denied the right to vote and which the information was received by the Civil Rights Division from Clarence Mitchell, director, Washington Bureau of the NAACP. The memorandum

Enclosure sent 3-19-58

1 - Mr. Belmont

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The Attorney General

Information was received that Clarence Mitchell, Director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was reportedly furnishing simultaneously to Governor Coleman of Mississippi and to the Department of Justice a list of instances in which Negroes in 30 counties had been denied the right to register solely because of their race. It has been noted that this Bureau has to date received three requests from the Civil Rights Division requesting investigation in three different counties in the State of Mississippi based upon information originally received by the Civil Rights Division from Mr. Mitchell.

In view of the feeling of the officials and people in the states involved as indicated in the Webster Parish situation and in light of the announced plans of various groups to redouble efforts to increase registration immediately, it would appear any inquiries desired should be based upon substantial merit.

- 1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
W. Wilson White

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: March 17, 1958

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT:

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In talking to Mr. Lopez today he advised me of a situation in the South with respect to possible voting violations which I thought might be of interest to you.

SAC Lopez advised that Reverend Luther King, colored, of Montgomery, Alabama fame, who was active in the recent bus boycott movement in that area, has headed a colored organization, exact name unrecalled, which has the avowed purpose of registering at least 100,000 additional colored voters in the South in time to vote in the forthcoming elections in November 1958. A meeting for this purpose was held sometime ago in Memphis, at which time definite plans were made for the registering of colored groups in Mississippi and Tennessee. Apparently the group is organizing well in advance of the November elections in order to insure maximum registration.

Approximately two months ago Lopez recalls reading a statement to the effect that Clarence Wilkins (?) National Secretary of the NAACP, was furnishing simultaneously to Governor Coleman of Mississippi, and to the Department of Justice in Washington, an alleged list of specific instances wherein county officials in 30 different counties in Mississippi had denied negroes opportunity to register solely because of their race. Lopez stated that in two instances in the past ten days cases have been received at the Memphis Division of this nature, which may be a forerunner of the receipt of a large number of similar complaints. These complaints are being investigated under the Voting Election Law violation in the 58 category.

Clarence Wilkins, of the NAACP, is advertised to be the principal speaker this coming week in Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with the spearheading of the NAACP Membership Drive.

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

from the Department indicates that Mitchell's letter of 2/7/58 contained complaints regarding numerous counties in the State of Mississippi. In each case to date the Department has requested only that the alleged victim or victims be interviewed.

ACTION:

Based on the information furnished by Lopez the above data is all that could be developed from the review of Bureau files. In light of the feeling of officials and people in the southern states as indicated in the Webster Parish, Louisiana, matter and the announced plans of various groups to increase the number of Negro registrants immediately, there is attached for your approval a memorandum to the Attorney General with copies for the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General White pointing out the situation and stating it would appear that any inquiries by the Government should be based on complaints which have substantial merit.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

SUBJECT : SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
UNITED CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT;
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed are seven (7) copies of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 7)
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
October 20, 1960

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
UNITED CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

On October 18, 1960, HARVEY TEASLEY, Chief of Police, Shreveport, Louisiana, advised that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was held in Shreveport, Louisiana, on October 11-13, 1960. The following information was brought to his attention:

The meeting took place at the various Negro churches in Shreveport and was called "Freedom Rally."

On October 11, 1960, the following individuals were on the program:

Presiding - Reverend J. B. SIMMONS LA.

Song Leader - GUY CARAWAN (a white man from Highlander Folk School) LA.

Scripture - Reverend B. DORSEY LA.

Prayer - Reverend W. H. HALL (Waycross, Georgia) LA.

Greetings - A. L. DAVIS, New Orleans (for State of Louisiana) LA.
Deacon ELLIS TAYLOR (for Churches, Business & Professional) LA.
Reverend J. R. RETLEDGE (for United Christian Movement) LA.
Dr. C. O. SIMPKINS (for SCLC) LA.

Financial Appeal - Reverend FRED SHUTTLESWORTH (Birmingham, Alabama) LA.
Mrs. KATIE H. WHICKAM (New Orleans, Louisiana)

Introduction of Speaker - Reverend BENJAMIN HOOKS (Memphis, Tennessee) LA.

Speaker - Dr. GARDNER C. TAYLOR (Brooklyn, New York) LA.

Benediction - Reverend HARRY BLAKE (Field Secretary, SCLC) LA. U.S.

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Five members of the Booker T. Washington High School Faculty attended this meeting.

Six white people also attended the meeting.

Over 500 attended the meeting on October 11, 1960. Eight or nine states were represented and some of those in attendance were students who had been expelled from colleges for their parts in the "sit-in demonstrations."

Reverend L. D. ~~SCOTT~~ ^{LA} encouraged everyone to follow in the foot-steps of New Orleans on the boycotting of super markets, etc., where Negroes are not employed.

A big drive was put on for money and they were told that it was not a donation, but an installment on their freedom. Some \$400.00 or \$500.00 was collected.

The meeting of October 12, 1960, was similar to the above meeting, but lacked the sincerity and enthusiasm that the congregation expected. The program centered around raising funds to pay fines for students who were convicted for their parts in the "sit-in demonstrations" and for Reverend MARTIN L. KING's defense on charges of perjury by the State of Alabama.

Reverend KING, the keynoter, gave a progress report on the Negroes and Jews dating from the Revolution to present time. He followed with pleas to register and vote so that Negroes might obtain first-class citizenship.

Over \$100.00 was collected during the financial appeal and it appeared the money was all they were after.

It was estimated there were 800 or 900 present at this meeting.

The following appeared on the program for October 12, 1960:

Presiding - ~~HARRY BLAKE~~ (Field Secretary, SCLC) ^{LA - US}
~~JOSEPH E. LOWERY~~ (Mobile, Alabama) ^{LA}

Song Leader - GUY CARAWAN (Highlander Folk School)

Invocation - Reverend EDWARD E. JONES

Scripture - Reverend G. C. ~~WILSON~~ LA.

Prayer - Reverend S. S. ~~SEAY~~, Executive Secretary
(Montgomery Improvement Association) LA.

Greetings - State of Louisiana - CLARENCE ~~HENRY~~ (New Orleans, La.)
City of Shreveport, Churches - Reverend C. ~~BYRD~~ LA.
City of Shreveport, Business and Professional -
J. H. ~~MAZIER~~ LA.
United Christian Movement - Dr. C. O. ~~SIMPKINS~~ LA.
Tennessee Christian Leadership Conference -
Reverend ROBERT E. ~~JAMES~~ (Knoxville, Tennessee) LA.
SCLC - WYATT ~~TEEL~~ WALKER, Director LA.

Financial Appeal - Dr. RALPH ~~ABERNATHY~~, President, Montgomery
Improvement Association LA.

Introduction of Speaker - Reverend C. K. ~~STEELE~~ (Tallahassee, Fla.) LA.

Speaker - Dr. MARTIN LUTHER ~~KING~~, JR., President, Southern Chris-
tian Leadership Conference (Atlanta, Georgia) LA.

Benediction - Reverend LEONARD ~~WILLIAMS~~ LA.

The final meeting of October 13, 1960, was not well attended. Plans to start protests on an all-out scale to end segregation in all public places was discussed, but nothing definite was disclosed.

The raising of money appeared to be one of the most important matters at the various meetings.

A leaflet entitled "The Burning Truth In The South" by MARTIN LUTHER KING, which is a reprint from "The Progressive," Madison, Wisconsin, 1960, as well as a leaflet advertising the book "Stride Toward Freedom" by KING was distributed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-432067)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-139834)
SUBJECT: NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL, aka
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith is the original and seven
copies of a letterhead memorandum that sets out information
furnished by [redacted] on 6/6/61.

Det. [redacted] Bureau of Special Services,
NYCPD, has been advised of the mass rally set forth in enclosed
memorandum.

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[redacted] and [redacted] will attend the rally.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (RM)

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ON 3-11-85
SUBJ: SCIC [redacted] 7/5/61

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FROM :

SAC, ATLANTA (157-169)

SUBJECT:

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth information regarding subject.

A copy of this memorandum is being disseminated locally to OSI, ONI, and G-2.

The letterhead memorandum is classified confidential since data reported from Confidential Sources #1 through #6 could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness. (u)

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and they were covered only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be protected.

The sources utilized in the letterhead memorandum are identified as follows:

Source #1 is NY 2471-S*
Source #2 is NY 2354-S*
Source #3 is [redacted]
Source #4 is [redacted]
Source #5 is [redacted]
Source #6 is [redacted]

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The source utilized in the characterization of the SCEF is [redacted] (u)

No further action is being taken in this matter UACB.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

July 5, 1961

***In Reply, Please Refer to
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Confidential Source #1, who has furnished reliable

information in the past, advised on October 28, 1960, that TED BASSETT, member of the State Committee, New York State Communist Party and editorial writer for "The Worker," contacted WYATT TEE WALKER at 208 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, in October, 1960. BASSETT talked to WALKER about some news story that he had written about an unidentified event in the south. BASSETT wanted to know whether WALKER had seen the story he had written. WALKER stated he had not and asked BASSETT to mail it to him. WALKER also requested that BASSETT put "us" on his mailing list. (u)

On April 21, 1961, Source #2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Reverend WYATT TEE WALKER, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 208 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, is a subscriber to "The Worker," 23 W. 26th Street, New York City, an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

The July 24, 1960, edition of "The Worker" carried an article entitled "Militancy Urged at CORE Meeting," datelined St. Louis. This article advised that ninety delegates met at St. Louis for the 18th meeting of CORE. The article stated that Rev. WYATT T. WALKER, Virginia State Coordinator of CORE, stated, "If the road to freedom leads through the jail house, then through them we must go." WALKER presented the First Annual Gandhi Awards to five students who had spent 49 days in Florida jails because of their sit-in activities.

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in Atlanta, Georgia. ~~Source #3~~ observed three members of the Communist Party attending this rally who were ROBERT HYMER, LOLA SAFFOLD, and VELMA MURPHY. ~~ILL~~ ~~4~~

MURPHY spoke at the rally, [according to Source #3,] and stated she was planning to organize a march on the headquarters of both the Presidential candidates on November 8, 1960, at Chicago. ~~4~~

~~4~~ On May 2, 1961, Confidential Source #4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that some people in the Washington, D. C., area had received letters with the return address of 584 Alfred Road, N. W., Atlanta 18, Georgia. These letters enclosed a petition for clemency addressed to the Honorable JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States. The petition requested Presidential clemency for CARL BRADEN to "Reaffirm the position of the Federal Government supporting peaceful and orderly integration in the South."

Investigation in the neighborhood of 584 Alfred Road, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, disclosed that Rev. WYATT TEE WALKER resides at that address.

The petitions stated BRADEN was subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1958, refused to answer certain questions, was convicted for contempt and was sentenced to serve one year in jail.

This conviction was upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court.

~~4~~ [Source #4 stated] that, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and WYATT TEE WALKER, both of Atlanta, Ga., were two of the signers of this petition.

~~4~~ [On December 22, 1959, Source #4] identified ~~CARL BRADEN~~ as Field Secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. ~~MR + MRS~~ ~~4~~

A characterization of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., is attached to this memorandum. ~~ANNEX BRADEN~~ ~~GA. KY~~ ~~INCORPORATED~~

Sources utilized in the characterization have furnished reliable information in the past.

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WYATT TEE WALKER

ALBERTA AHERN, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, an admitted former member of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, testified in court in Jefferson County, Kentucky, that CARL BRADEN and his wife, ANNE, were known to her as members of the Communist Party in Louisville from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

An Atlanta Journal news article, dated May 2, 1961, captioned, "KING SEES 'MC CARTHYISM' IN 2 U. S. CONTEMPT SENTENCES," by DOUGLAS KIKER, states in part as follows:

"Atlanta integration leader Martin Luther King, Jr. said Tuesday that the one-year jail sentences given Carl Braden and Frank Wilkinson are evidence that 'McCarthyism' is on the rise again.

"I have no doubt they are being punished--particularly Mr. Braden--for their integration activities," he said, adding:

"We are not upholding communism in any way. We simply feel the House Un-American Activities Committee should not be used to thwart integration. We see the rise of McCarthyism in the South again because all other weapons of the segregationist have failed."

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"They both (Braden and Wilkinson) will serve one-year jail sentences for contempt of Congress because they refused to tell the committee, in a 1958 Atlanta hearing, whether they ever have been Communists.

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"But they hadn't been in custody for an hour Monday afternoon before an announcement came that Dr. King, along with 16 other Southern integration leaders, had signed a petition asking President Kennedy to grant them clemency.

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WYATT TEE WALKER

An article in the "Atlanta Daily World," Atlanta, Georgia, April 29, 1961, captioned "Annual Youth Day at Mt. Pleasant Baptist; Rev. Wyatt T. Walker to be Main Speaker." This article sets forth that Reverend WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is a graduate of the School of Religion, Virginia Union University. He also studied at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

The article further described WALKER as widely travelled in the United States and has been acclaimed as one of the most outstanding civil rights personalities of this generation.

On July 22, 1955, Chief of Police W. E. TRAYLOR, Petersburg, Virginia, Police Department, furnished a copy of a letter mailed to the Negro population of Petersburg. TRAYLOR said this letter was furnished to him by City Manager ROY F. ASH, who had received it from one of the local Negro citizens. It was pointed out that W. TEE WALKER, who signed this letter as President of the Virginia Voters League, was also at that time Director of Public Relations for the Petersburg Chapter of the NAACP.

This letter is quoted as follows:

"THE VIRGINIA VOTERS' LEAGUE
Petersburg, Virginia
July 12, 1955

"Dear Fellow Citizens:

"The time has come for us to strike and strike hard. Our group is flagrantly being abused by police brutality, and victimized by a 'controlled' press. The papers carry only what the 'great white fathers' tell them; court procedure a travesty; and our city welfare diseased with graft.

"Crying the blues and being hot is not sufficient. We must act.

"If your group is interested in doing away with the sorry government and politicians of our community, we implore you to send three representatives to a city-wide meeting of the Virginia Voters' League on Wednesday evening, July 27, 1955, at the Gillfield Baptist Church.

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WYATT TEE WALKER

"We need Precinct Captains, District Leaders, and Block Workers by the dozens. The next billy - stick might be broken over your head.

"Very truly yours,

"/s/ W. Tee Walker

"W. Tee Walker, President

"/s/ Gwendolyn K. Edwards

"Gwendolyn K. Edwards, Secretary"

Virginia's Voters League VA

Numerous news items in "The Progress-Index" newspaper, Petersburg, Virginia, from 1957-60, reflect that Rev. WALKER, Pastor of the Gillfield Baptist Church, was very active in desegregation movements and demonstrations.

(u)(K) [Confidential Source #5, who is familiar with some Communist Party activities in the State of Virginia and who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised] that he had no information concerning WALKER other than WALKER was a member and official of the Virginia Council on Human Relations and was considered a Negro segregation protest leader in Petersburg, Virginia, prior to going to Atlanta, Georgia.

On May 31, 1960, the Richmond News Leader, a Richmond, Virginia, newspaper, reported that Rev. WYATT TEE WALKER of Petersburg, Virginia, was leaving to take an executive position with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta. It was reported that he would be associated with Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING.

(u)(K) [Source #6, who has furnished reliable information in the past and is familiar with some Communist activities in Atlanta, Georgia, advised on July 20, 1961,] that he has known WALKER to be connected with Southern Christian Leadership Conference, but knows of no subversive activities on his part.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

The Southern Patriot, a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

The Southern Patriot was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 18, 1960, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years, certain CP members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further CP principles. (u)

On May 18, 1960, the source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

The Source also advised on May 18, 1960, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists. (u)

The CP-USA has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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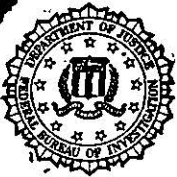
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: (K) SAC, MEMPHIS (157-New)

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information received by SA [redacted] on 9/25/61 from Reverend KELLY MILLER SMITH relative to the annual conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

Two copies of the above-mentioned letterhead memorandum are being enclosed for each of the field offices listed below. All offices receiving copies of this should contact sources of information and confidential sources to discreetly ascertain the results of this conference and furnish this information to the Bureau and to Atlanta. Memphis is making efforts to obtain all coverage possible on this conference.

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Memphis, Tennessee
September 26, 1961

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 25, 1961, Reverend Kelly Miller ~~Smith~~,
319 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that
the annual conference of the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC) would be held at Nashville, Tennessee,
starting on Thursday, September 28, 1961, and ending Friday
night, September 29, 1961.

Reverend Smith stated that most sessions of the
conference would be held at the Clark Memorial Methodist
Church in Nashville, Tennessee; however, one session of the
conference would be held at the First Baptist Church at
319 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, and that
Reverend Martin Luther King is scheduled to speak to dele-
gates to the conference and to the public at large at the
War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, on
Thursday night, September 28, 1961.

Reverend Smith stated that as a preliminary to
the conference, the Nashville Christian Leadership Council
(NCLC), which is an affiliate group of the SCLC, is sponsoring
a concert at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, to
be given by Harry Belafonte, a well-known Negro entertainer.
Smith stated that this is a fund-raising effort on the part
of the NCLC and stated that Belafonte is donating his
services.

Reverend Smith stated that the primary topic on
the agenda of the conference is a discussion of plans for
an all-out effort to get Negroes registered to vote, particu-
larly in the states of Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. He
stated that efforts will be made also in other states and
advised that the leaders of the SCLC feel that this is the most
important project that they can embark upon at this time.
He stated that they feel that they will have the backing of
the Justice Department of the Federal Government in this

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effort, and particularly because of the fact that they have been advised by certain individuals in the Justice Department, whom he did not identify, that the Justice Department could take legal action with regard to voter registration and that they would be on much sounder legal ground here than they were in the Freedom Rides which they have sponsored to date.

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Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 9/26/61. (u)

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, [redacted]

[redacted] all sources of information of the Atlanta Office, have no information regarding the SCLC Annual Convention in Nashville, Tenn., held September, 1961. (u)

New York letter to the Bureau, 9/27/61, entitled "CP - USA, SOUTHERN REGION, IS - C" states that NY 694-S* stated on 9/24/61 that GEORGE MEYERS, self-admitted head of the CP - Southern Region, said he has had nothing to do with the MARTIN LUTHER KING organization. (u)

Individual Racial Matters where the SCLC may be involved are opened if warranted under separate case captions. There is no information on which to base a Security Matter inquiry or Racial Matters investigation of the SCLC at this time. (u)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

Date: 12/2/61

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-166) (8)

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Memphis airtel to the Bureau dated 9/26/61.

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information received on 11/22/61 from Reverend KELLY MILLER SMITH relative to the annual conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which was held in Nashville, Tennessee, 9/28-29/61.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to other Southern Offices for information.

There appears to be no need for further investigation in this matter and this case is being closed by the Memphis Division.

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December 2, 1961

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Re: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

On November 22, 1961, Reverend Kelly M. Smith, 319 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, was contacted relative to another matter. At this time, he voluntarily furnished the following information concerning the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC):

He stated that at the Conference, which was held in Nashville, Tennessee, it had been decided by representatives of the SCLC and its affiliate groups that for the coming year they would concentrate on getting Negroes throughout the South to register to vote. He stated that in doing this, they had determined they would use non-violent demonstrations in areas where Negroes were denied their right to register and vote. He also stated that it had been tentatively agreed that no more "Freedom Rider" groups would be sent out in view of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) ruling. He pointed out that some persons at the Conference felt that "Freedom Riders" may have to be sent to one or two places where the bus companies did not follow through on the ICC ruling or where there were local laws which conflicted and caused the bus company to fail to follow through on the ICC ruling. He stated that insofar as he knows none of these places have come to light at this time and he knows of no "Freedom Rides" being planned for the near future.

Reverend Smith stated that he knew of no Communist Party (CP) influence at the Conference. In regard to the article appearing in the October 8, 1961, issue of "The Worker" concerning this Conference, Smith stated that he was not acquainted with the writer of this article, T. R. Bassett. He stated that he had met and conversed with most of the newspaper reporters who had covered the Conference and stated that if Bassett was among these individuals he did not identify himself either as Bassett or as being a reporter for "The Worker."

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Smith pointed out that the activities in regard to the program suggested by the SCLC are being left primarily to each independent group which comprises the SCLC. He pointed out that, for example, in Nashville, Tennessee, the affiliate group of the SCLC is the Nashville Christian Leadership Council (NCLC) and stated that the program as adopted by the NCLC is to attack all phases of segregation in Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that since there is no problem with regard to voter registration in Nashville, Tennessee, the activities being participated in in Nashville do not take in this particular phase. He stated that a survey was made of segregation in Nashville and it was decided to attack segregation in restaurants and that non-violent demonstrations are being held at restaurants which have never catered to Negro customers and which have never solicited Negro business. He stated that efforts are also being made to obtain sales positions for Negroes in department stores in downtown Nashville and that efforts are being made to bring about the employment of Negroes in supervisory positions or in positions which are other than menial at several of the manufacturing companies in the city of Nashville.

With regard to the NCLC, which is the local affiliate of the SCLC, Smith stated that there has been only one instance where he has been suspicious of an individual being affiliated with the group as having Communist backgrounds. He stated that this individual is a white student at George Peabody College for Teachers by the name of Ralph Frankenberg. He stated that Frankenberg had participated in one of the non-violent demonstrations held at a restaurant in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that Frankenberg had also contacted him telephonically and wanted to have a conference with him regarding the segregation question in Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that something that Frankenberg had said with regard to his concern for "certain international problems" had indicated to him that Frankenberg may possibly have some Communist affiliations. He stated that he cannot recall the

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exact nature of the statement made by Frankenberg and stated that he has never talked to Frankenberg in person so he could not furnish any more specific information. He stated, however, that his feelings in this regard were more brought about by the tone of Frankenberg's voice and the nonspecific and vague nature of the statement which he made.

Reverend Smith stated that insofar as he knew there was no reaction of a violent nature to the demonstrations which have been taking place in Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that he does not anticipate such reaction in Nashville and that he feels that if there can be a break-through in one industry or in one department store that probably all segregation in Nashville will be broken down and there will no longer be any problem for which the NCLC or the SCLC should be concerned.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 11/14/61

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-498) (P)

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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 10/13/61,
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9/26/61, captioned "SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
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On 10/30/61, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Miami, Florida, that he knew of no
mass voting campaign in the south Florida area. (C) 4

On 11/1/61, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] at West Palm Beach, Florida, that no
information had come to his attention relative to the
mass voting campaign in the southern states or any
information relative to the results of the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). (C) 4

On 10/27/61, [redacted] advised SA ROBERT
W. WISEMAN that he had never heard of the SCLC and knew
of no mass voting campaign in southern states. (C) 4

On 10/24/61, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] that he had heard nothing
about the SCLC or of a mass voting campaign in southern
states. CI stated he would attempt to develop information

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relative to those matters and if he should develop any information he would immediately furnish the information to the Miami Office. (C) 4

On 11/7/61, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that he had determined that one ERNEST BUSKES, a white male of Miami, an alleged Communist Party Member and owner of five Negro night spots in Miami, along with THEODORE GIBSON, a Negro male, local President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and (FNU) MOORE, a Negro male of the Miami chapter of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), were contemplating a door-to-door campaign in order to elect (FNU) WILLIAMS, a Negro male to the Miami City Commission at the city elections on 11/21/61. (C) 4

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CI stated that he was continuing his efforts to develop more information about this proposed door-to-door campaign and the complete names of MOORE of the Miami chapter of CORE and WILLIAMS, a candidate for City Commission. He stated as soon as he developed information that the door-to-door campaign would take place and the date it would take place, he would immediately advise the Miami Office. (C) 4

Immediately on receipt of the definite information relative to the door-to-door campaign, the Miami Office will submit an airtel with appropriate letterhead memo in a form suitable for dissemination to the Bureau and interested offices.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/20/61

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-498) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MASS VOTING CAMPAIGN IN
SOUTHERN STATES
RACIAL MATTERS

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami letter to the Bureau dated 11/14/61,
and Memphis letter to the Bureau dated 12/2/61.

This is to advise that no new information
relative to any door to door campaign in the area
covered by the Miami Office has come to the attention
of the Miami Office.

In view of the above, no further action is
contemplated by the Miami Office.

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 From SAC, Atlanta (100-5718)
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•original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum,
 suitable for dissemination, entitltd ATTEMPTED SIT-IN, TASTY
 COFFEE SHOP, 43 Exchange Pl., SW, Atlanta, Ga., 3/21/62, encl.
 Information contained therein was furnished SA CARL E.
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Atlanta, Georgia
March 22, 1962

ATTEMPTED SIT-IN, TASTY COFFEE SHOP,
43 EXCHANGE PLACE, SW, ATLANTA,
GEORGIA, MARCH 21, 1962

Captain [redacted], Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department, advised that on March 21, 1962, eight employees of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference and another Negro attempted a sit-in in the Tasty Coffee Shop, 43 Exchange Place, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. He said the nine individuals entered the coffee shop about 10:30 AM, ordered coffee, that the operator of the coffee shop placed the coffee in a bag, but the nine Negroes took the coffee from the bag and sat down to drink it. He said the coffee shop operator came and took the coffee away and gave the Negroes their money back. The operator called the Police Department, and in the presence of Captain [redacted] asked the Negroes to leave, at which time the Negroes left.

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According to Captain [redacted] the spokesman for the group, Gould Maynard, said the nine Negroes included the clerical and secretarial staff of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which has offices at 41 Exchange Place, SW.

Captain [redacted] advised that Maynard said the SCLC had been trying to negotiate about desegregation of the coffee shop.

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Captain [redacted] stated no arrests were made.

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Date: 5/17/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427079)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
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(OO: Atlanta)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. 5/21/62

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Enclosed herewith are eight copies for the Bureau of a letterhead memo re future activities of captioned organization. New Orleans and New York are furnished one copy of memo with each copy of this airtel.

New Orleans is requested to submit letterhead memos on any pertinent developments in Northern Louisiana.

Reference is made to New York airtel to the Bureau captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C" dated 5/10/62 and New Orleans should bear in mind the possibility that HOSEA HUDSON may join the SCLC activity in Shreveport.

New York is requested to advise of any possibility that HUDSON may go to Shreveport.

- 6-Bureau (Enc. 8) (AM) (RM)
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 (1 - 100-106610) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 3-New Orleans (Enc. 3) (RM)
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 (1 - 100-) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 4-New York (Enc. 4) (RM)
 (2 - 100-147332) (NY Friends of the SCLC)
 (1 - 100-83317) (HOSEA HUDSON)
 (1 - 100-) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 3-Atlanta (1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
 (1 - 157-400) (MLK, JR.-RM)
 RRN/ghb (1 - 100-) (WYATT T. WALKER)

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Atlanta will follow and advise of additional information received.



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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), 41 Exchange Place, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia, advised on May 14, 1962, that SCLC is going to conduct a renewed effort in a voter registration drive in Shreveport, Louisiana. WALKER said he expects a chance of violence from some elements in the white community in view of past experiences. He stated that Dr. SIMPKINS, formerly engaged in voter registration activity, had his house bombed and later burned, and is currently residing in Chicago, Illinois. WALKER advised that the Justice Department was notified of this incident and has had the Federal Bureau of Investigation make an investigation.

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WALKER said that he plans to go to Shreveport to set up the renewed effort about May 18-19, 1962. WALKER plans to return to Atlanta after a day or two. He will be followed to Shreveport by FRED BENNETT and BERNARD LEE, Field Secretaries of SCLC, who will leave Atlanta May 21-22, 1962. WALKER and Mrs. DOROTHY COTTON, Secretary, will go about May 31, 1962, and they will be followed by Dr. MARTIN L. KING, JR., President of SCLC, on June 1, 1962. WALKER said they would all be back in Atlanta before June 6, 1962, which is the date of the "Belafonte Show" to be held June 6, 1962, in the Atlanta City Auditorium. WALKER described this as a benefit performance for SCLC.

WALKER stated that Reverend HARRY BLAKE, 2834 Abbie Street, Shreveport, is now acting for SCLC in northern Louisiana in place of Dr. SIMPKINS, and can be contacted for any developments in that area.

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URGENT 6/5/62 8-20PM EST LG

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC ATLANTA /100-5718/ 2P

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
RACIAL MATTERS

HARRY BELLAFONTE AND COMPANY TO ARRIVE ATLANTA, GEORGIA
AIRPORT ELEVEN AM SIX SIX SIXTYTWO AND BELLAFONTE HAS NEWS CONFERENCE
SET UP AT THAT TIME. BELLAFONTE AND COMPANY CONSISTING OF
EIGHTEEN PERSONS OF WHICH SIX ARE NEGROES ARE TO STAY AT THE
ATLANTA CABANA MOTEL. MANAGER TO PLACE ON SAME FLOOR AND IN
SAME LOCATION. BELLAFONTE AND CO. TO PERFORM AT THE ATLANTA
MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM AT EIGHT PM ON SIX SIX SIXTYTWO AND ARE SCHEDULED
TO LEAVE ATLANTA SOMETIME BETWEEN ELEVEN AM AND NOON ON SIX SEVEN SIXTY-
TWO. PERFORMANCE REPORTEDLY A BENEFIT FOR SCLC.

[REDACTED] ATLANTA CABANA, ADVISED
CAPT. [REDACTED] ATLANTA PD THAT CHARLIE LEIB, WHO OPERATES
THE KNIGS INN ADJACENT TO THE ATLANTA CABANA STATES HE WILL
NOT SERVE BELLAFONTE OR OTHER NEGROES. [REDACTED] CONTACTED
WYATT T. WALKER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SCLC, AND SUGGESTED SINCE
THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BELLAFONTE COMING TO ATLANTA THAT
HE CONTACT BELLAFONTE AND SUGGEST BELLAFONTE USE EATING

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FACILITIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN INTEGRATED. WALKER HAS REFUSED TO COOPERATE IN THIS MATTER. SAM MASSELL, PRESIDENT OF THE ATLANTA ALDERMATIC BOARD, HAS CONTACTED LEIB RE SERVING BELLAFONTE BUT LEIB REFUSES TO CHANGE HIS MIND.

CAPT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IF LEIB REFUSES TO SERVE BELLAFONTE AND ASKS HIM TO LEAVE AND BELLAFONTE REFUSES, BELLAFONTE WILL HAVE TO BE ARRESTED UNDER GEORGIA LAW AS A TRESPASSER. ATLANTA CABANA HAS HIRED THREE DETECTIVES OF THE ATLANTA PD TO INSURE GUESTS ARE PROTECTED FROM ANY POSSIBLE VIOLENCE.

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ATLANTA WILL FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS AND KEEP BUREAU PROMPTLY ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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The Attorney General

June 6, 1962

Director, FBI

**SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS**

Our Atlanta Office has furnished information concerning the appearance this evening of Mr. Harry Belafonte at the Municipal Auditorium in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Belafonte and members of his party arrived at the Atlanta Airport at 9:50 a.m., today. He held a short press conference and then departed the airport en route to the Atlanta Cabana Motel where Mr. Belafonte and members of his group will stay tonight. They are departing tomorrow.

Mr. Belafonte is scheduled to give a benefit performance at 8:00 p.m. this evening in Atlanta for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization seeking integration of the races.

[redacted] of the Atlanta Cabana Motel, has furnished information to the Atlanta Police Department that Mr. Charles Lebedin, who operates the Kings Inn Restaurant adjacent to the Atlanta Cabana Motel, has stated he will not serve Mr. Belafonte or other Negroes. Mr. Belafonte's group consists of eighteen persons, six of whom are Negroes. [redacted] has contacted Reverend Wyatt T. Walker, Executive Secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, suggesting that Mr. Belafonte use eating facilities which have already been integrated. Reverend Walker has refused to cooperate in this matter.

Mr. Sam Massell, President of the Atlanta Aldermatic Board, has contacted Mr. Charles Lebedin concerning serving Mr. Belafonte's group, but Mr. Lebedin refuses to change his mind.

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans

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The Attorney General

The Atlanta Police Department advised that if the Kings Inn Restaurant refused to serve Mr. Belafonte and asked him to leave, and if Mr. Belafonte refused, he would be arrested under the Georgia law for trespassing.

Our Atlanta Office subsequently advised that Mr. Belafonte and members of his party, including Reverend Martin Luther King, attempted to obtain service at the Kings Inn Restaurant. They were refused service and thereafter left quietly without incident. Upon the invitation of Mr. Jay Sarno, a partner in the operation of the Atlanta Cabana Motel, Mr. Belafonte and his party had lunch in Sarno's office suite at the Motel.

Mr. Belafonte is reported to have stated that no further efforts will be made to obtain service at the Kings Inn Restaurant, and he and his party will be served meals in their Motel rooms during the remainder of their stay in Atlanta.

Our Atlanta Office is keeping in close contact with this situation and pertinent developments will be furnished to the Department.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Date 6-6-62

Department being advised.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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URGENT 6-6-62 2-46PM EST ESC TELETYPE
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /100-427079/
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /100-5718/ 2P

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RACIAL MATTERS.

REMYTEL JUNE FIVE LAST.

HARRY BELLAFONTE AND COMPANY ARRIVED ATLANTA
EAL FLIGHT THREE ONE ONE, NINE FIFTY AM TODAY, HELD
NEWS CONFERENCE, IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED TO ATLANTA CABANA
MOTOR HOTEL. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON A GROUP OF APPROX.
NINE NEGROES CONSISTING OF HARRY BELLAFONTE, MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. AND WIFE, REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, AND WIFE,
MARION MC KIBBEN, VOCALIST, AND APPROXIMATELY TWO OTHER
MALES, ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE KINGS INN RESTAURANT
LOCATED IN THE ATLANTA CABANA. ADMISSION WAS REFUSED BY
HOSTESS. BELLAFONTE WANTED TO KNOW REASON BUT NOT GIVEN
ONE BY HOSTESS. KING REQUESTED TO SEE MANAGER. HOSTESS
ADVISED MANAGER NOT AVAILABLE. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JAY SARNO, PART OWNER, ATLANTA CABANA APPROACHED
GROUP AND REQUESTED LEASEE OF KINGS INN EXPLAIN WHY GROUP
REFUSED. HOSTESS ADVISED MR. CHARLES LEBEDIN WAS NOT
AVAILABLE. SARNO INVITED GROUP TO HIS OFFICES FOR LUNCH.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. DeLoach ✓
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ENROUTE OFFICES, BELLAFONTE MADE REMARK QUOTE I ATE WITH
THE PRESIDENT LAST WEEK AND THIS WEEK I CAN NOT BE SERVED
IN A PUBLIC PLACE UNQUOTE. SARNO TOLD BELLAFONTE THAT
DORIS DAY HAD A LOT OF MONEY INVESTED IN THE ATLANTA
CABANA. BELLAFONTE CALLED TO KING QUOTE REV. DORIS OWNS
A LOT OF THIS PLACE UNQUOTE, THEN LAUGHED. DURING
LUNCHEON IT WAS AGREED NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS WOULD BE
MADE TO BE SERVED AT THE KINGS INN AND THAT ALL MEALS WOULD
BE SERVED IN THEIR ROOMS DURING THEIR STAY AT THE ATLANTA
CABANA.

LOGICAL INFORMANTS IN KLAN AND OTHER HATE GROUPS
CONTACTED AND ADVISED HATE GROUPS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE INTER-
ESTED IN BELLAFONTE APPEARANCE. SEVERAL OF BELLAFONTE-S
GROUP BILLETED AT PEACHTREE MANOR HOTEL ADJACENT TO THE
ATLANTA CABANA WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY INTEGRATED BY
JACKSONVILLE BASEBALL PLAYERS.

BELLAFONTE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE BETWEEN ELEVEN AND
TWELVE AM JUNE SEVEN NEXT.

ATLANTA FOLLOWING CLOSELY AND WILL KEEP BUREAU
ADVISED. LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 6, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

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With reference to the situation involving Harry Bellafonte, Atlanta, Georgia, the manager of the Atlanta Cabana Motel advised that the Bellafonte group had decided not to again try to eat at the Kings Inn. The members of the group plan to have their meals served in their rooms for the remainder of their stay.

ACTION

Atlanta is following this matter very closely and will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 6, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

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N.Y. With reference to possible difficulty arising out of the appearance of Harry Bellafonte in Atlanta, Georgia, this evening, Supervisor Henry Rouse of Atlanta has furnished the following information.

Bellafonte and members of his party arrived at the Atlanta Airport at 9:50 a. m., today aboard Eastern Air Lines Flight 311. They arrived an hour earlier than initial information indicated they would. Bellafonte held a short press conference and the conference as well as the arrival of members of his party was without incident. They are now en route to the Atlanta Cabana Motel and reportedly plan to leave Atlanta between 11 a. m. and noon tomorrow.

With reference to Charlie ^{Leib} Leib, operator of the Kings Inn, who has stated he will not serve Bellafonte or other Negroes in his party, it has been determined that this individual's name is actually Charles Lebedin whose title is president of the Kings Inn. Lebedin resides at 701 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Ga. Lebedin came to Atlanta in approximately November, 1960, when the inn was built.

Charles Lebedin is also the owner of Lebs Restaurant which is located in downtown Atlanta at the corner of Luckie and Forsythe Streets.

According to Captain [redacted] of the Atlanta Police Department (PD) Lebedin has advised that if Bellafonte and members of his party attempt to obtain service at the Lebs Restaurant, Lebedin will close it. Lebedin has further advised that since he merely operates the Kings Inn on a contract basis with the Atlanta Cabana Motel, he will not be able to close the Kings Inn if Bellafonte and members of his party attempt to obtain service there. He has indicated he will refuse Bellafonte and the members of his party such service and the Atlanta PD has advised that if Bellafonte refuses to leave after being denied service the police will have to arrest him under the Georgia Trespass Law.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

A review of the indices at Atlanta and the Bureau contain no information identifiable with Charles [] Lebedin.

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The Atlanta Cabana Motel which is considered Atlanta's finest motel was partially financed by a \$1, 800, 000 loan from the Teamsters Union Pension Fund. We conducted investigation to determine if any fees or kickbacks were paid in connection with this loan. Our investigation did not disclose evidence of any pay-off or kickback to the Teamsters Union or Pension Fund officials in connection with this loan. This case is now receiving grand jury consideration.

Atlanta has checked all of its Klan and hate group informants and they have reported that neither the Klan or hate groups in the area have shown any interest whatsoever in Bellafonte's arrival.

ACTION:

Atlanta is following this matter very closely and will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

Pertinent information set forth above has been furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427079)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)
 RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
 RACIAL MATTERS

Re Atlanta teletypes dated 6/5,6/62.

Enclosed is original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum concerning HARRY BELLAFONTE and company staying at the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., and attempt by BELLAFONTE and approximately eight other Negroes to be served lunch at the Kings Inn Restaurant, Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel.

CHARLES LEIB, mentioned in referenced Atlanta teletype 6/5/62, is the commonly known name for CHARLES LEBEDIN, leasee of the Kings Inn Restaurant. This is furnished for clarification. CHARLES LEBEDIN resides at 710 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, and is president of the Lebco Co. Lebco Co. operates a number of restaurants in the Atlanta City area. Atlanta indices negative concerning LEBEDIN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Atlanta, Georgia

June 6, 1962

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On June 6, 1962, HARRY BELLAFONTE and company arrived in Atlanta, Georgia, aboard Eastern Airline flight number 311 at approximately 9:50 a.m. BELLAFONTE held a short news conference at the Atlanta Municipal Airport and then proceeded with his group to the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel. Several rooms were obtained by the group at the Peachtree Manor Hotel, which is located near the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel. The Peachtree Manor Hotel had previously been integrated by Negro baseball players of the Jacksonville baseball team.

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HARRY BELLAFONTE and the remainder of his company were then admitted to the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel. At approximately noon, a group of approximately nine Negroes, consisting of HARRY BELLAFONTE, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and wife, Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, and wife, MARIAN McKIBBEN, vocalist, and approximately two other males attempted to enter the Kings Inn Restaurant located in the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel. A hostess stopped the group and advised them that they would not be able to serve them. BELLAFONTE wanted to know the reason why they were being refused service and the hostess merely replied that she would not be able to serve them. Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. asked the hostess if he could see the manager, but the hostess advised that the manager was not available.

JAY SARNO, part owner, Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, then approached the group and told the hostess to have the leasee of the Kings Inn Restaurant explain to the group's face why they were being refused. The hostess explained to Mr. SARNO that Mr. CHARLES LEBEDIN was not available. SARNO thereupon addressed BELLAFONTE and told him that he had the finest suite of offices in the city of Atlanta and he would be pleased if Mr. BELLAFONTE and his group would join him for lunch in his offices. The group thereupon left the restaurant with Mr. SARNO and enroute to the offices Mr. BELLAFONTE made the following remark, "I ate with the President last week and this week I cannot be served in a public place." Mr. SARNO advised Mr. BELLAFONTE that DORIS DAY had a lot of money invested in the Atlanta Cabana. Mr. BELLAFONTE thereupon called to Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., who was in the lobby below, "Rev. BELLAFONTE has a lot of this place." Thereafter Mr. BELLAFONTE laughed.

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During the luncheon, it was agreed that no further attempts would be made to be served meals at the Kings Inn Restaurant and that all meals would be served in their rooms during this group's stay at the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel.

The BELLAFONTE group consists of eighteen persons which are to perform at the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium on June 6, 1962. The group is scheduled to leave Atlanta, Georgia the following day.

[redacted] of the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, advised that CHARLES LEBEDIN, who has a contract to operate the Kings Inn Restaurant, which is located in the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, upon learning that HARRY BELLAFONTE and his group were to stay at the Atlanta Cabana, stated he would not serve BELLAFONTE or any of the other Negroes. [redacted] contacted WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Secretary, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference prior to the arrival of the BELLAFONTE group and suggested that since the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was responsible for the BELLAFONTE group coming to Atlanta, Georgia, that he contact Mr. BELLAFONTE and suggest BELLAFONTE use eating facilities which had already been integrated. WALKER told [redacted] that he would not tell Mr. BELLAFONTE any such thing as BELLAFONTE might refused to come to Atlanta altogether. SAM MASSELL, President of the Atlanta Aldermanic Board, had contacted CHARLES LEBEDIN in regard to serving the BELLAFONTE group, but LEBEDIN refused to change his mind on the grounds that doing so would hurt his business. *GA*

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The above information concerning the arrangements for the BELLAFONTE group and the attempt by the group to be served at the Kings Inn Restaurant was furnished by [redacted] [redacted] Captain of the Atlanta Police Department.

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Acting Special Agent in Charge, JULIAN RAMSEY MELLETTE, 111th Intelligence Corps, Fort McPherson, Georgia, was advised of the above on June 6, 1962.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *ABW*

DATE: June 6, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen *Rem*SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

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The Atlanta Office has advised that Harry Bellafonte, a prominent Negro singer, and his company are scheduled to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia, Airport today at 11 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, (Noon, Washington, D. C., time). Bellafonte and his company, consisting of eighteen persons, six of whom are Negroes, will stay at the Atlanta Cabana Motel. The company is scheduled to perform this evening at 8 P.M. in the Municipal Auditorium in a benefit performance for subject organization, a predominantly Negro organization favoring integration. *10-1*

Georgia
[redacted] of the Atlanta Cabana, has advised the Atlanta Police Department that Charlie Leib who operates the Kings Inn Restaurant adjacent to the Atlanta Cabana has stated he will not serve Bellafonte or other Negroes. [redacted] has contacted Wyatt T. Walker, Executive Secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, suggesting that Bellafonte use eating facilities which have already been integrated. Walker has refused to cooperate in this matter. Sam Massell, President of the Atlanta Aldermatic Board, has contacted Charlie Leib concerning serving Bellafonte but Leib refuses to change his mind. *Georgia*

The Atlanta Police Department, through Capt. [redacted] has advised that if Leib refuses to serve Bellafonte and asks him to leave, and Bellafonte refuses, Bellafonte will have to be arrested under Georgia Law as a trespasser. *C*

Atlanta has advised the local military intelligence. *100-438794-X17*
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Details set forth above concerning Bellafonte's visit were furnished to Mr. John Murphy of the Civil Rights Division of the Department and he advised that Bellafonte is a personal friend of the Attorney General, that the Attorney General will be extremely interested in this matter, and would want to be advised of any pertinent developments. *EX-115* *REC: 91* *100-438794-20* *5 JUN 8 1962*

ACTION:

Atlanta has been instructed to keep in close contact with this situation and to keep the Bureau advised.

MEMO TO ATTORNEY
GENERAL BEING
PREPARED.

1 - Mr. Mohr *286* 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont *clm*

DATE: June 6, 1962

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Georgia
With reference to anticipated difficulty in the event Harry Bellafonte and members of his party attempted to eat at the Kings Inn in Atlanta, Georgia, where the operator had stated he would refuse to serve them, Supervisor Henry Rouse of Atlanta furnished the following information:

Bellafonte, accompanied by *members of* his party, *Georgia* including Rev. Martin Luther King, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, attempted to obtain service at the Kings Inn. Upon being refused service, Bellafonte and members of his party left the Inn quietly and no incident whatsoever occurred.

Upon the invitation of J. Sarno, a partner in the *Georgia* Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, Bellafonte and members of his party are presently having lunch in Sarno's office at the hotel.

ACTION:

Atlanta is following this matter closely and will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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URGENT 6-7-62 9-24AM EST ESC
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /100-427079/
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /100-5718/

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RACIAL MATTERS.
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PERFORMANCE BY HARRY BELAFONTE AND COMPANY WENT
ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE AT ATLANTA MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
EVENING JUNE SIX LAST. NO FURTHER INCIDENTS AT ATLANTA
CABANA MOTOR HOTEL OR MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM. BELAFONTE
AND COMPANY TO LEAVE ATLANTA CABANA MOTOR HOTEL APPROXIMATELY
NOON THIS DATE AND SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ATLANTA APPROXIMATELY
ONE FIFTY PM.

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cc. Mr. Rosen

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Re Atlanta airtel, 6/6/62.

Enclosed are the original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum concerning an attempt on 6/7/62 by HARRY BELAFONTE and company to receive service at the Kings Inn Restaurant, Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. Hostess at Kings Inn refused to allow group to enter restaurant.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Post Office Box 1683
Atlanta 1, Georgia
June 8, 1962

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[redacted] of the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, advised that Harry Belafonte and company had checked out of the hotel around 11:00 a.m. on June 7, 1962. [redacted] stated Mr. Belafonte accompanied by approximately seven other people, both white and Negro, went to the Kings Inn Restaurant in the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel and requested to be served. The hostess refused admission and there was no further incident.

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[redacted] advised, at the time Mr. Belafonte tried to be served, he, Belafonte was late for the limousine for the airport. [redacted] stated Mr. Belafonte would not have had time to eat if service had been granted. [redacted] was of the opinion Mr. Belafonte was merely attempting to cause an incident.

Wyatt T. Walker, Executive Director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in a press release, advised the Harry Belafonte concert had netted "within excess of \$9,000."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427079)

DATE: JUN 23 1962

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (C)

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

RM

(OO: Atlanta)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 5/17/62.

No further information was obtained by Atlanta relative to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference activities in Louisiana other than public source information which is available to the New Orleans Office. This matter is being closed subject to reopening if further information is received regarding planned future activities. (u)

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(1 - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.))

3-New Orleans (RM)

(2 - 100-SCLC)
(1 - 100-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

4-New York (RM)

(2 - 100-147332) (MY Friends of the SCLC)
(1 - 100-83317) (HOSEA HUDSON) (u)
(1 - 100-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

3-Atlanta (1-100-5718) (SCLC)
(1-157-400) (MLK, JR. - RM)
(1-100-WYATT, T. WALKER)

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~~COMMONIST INFILTRATION OF THE~~
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- 1 - Mr. Kitchens
- 1 - Mr. Harrington
- 1 - Mr. Rampton

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Prior correspondence received from Atlanta and

New York indicates Stanley David Levison, a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), and Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who has had prior connections with CP, are influential with Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 11/17/78

It is noted O'Dell is employed by SCLC and is in charge of the New York office of this organization. Early this year the New York Office furnished information the New York Friends of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (NYF, SCLC) had been organized by CP members; however, this organization ceased activity on 2-22-62 and the matter was closed subject to reopening and reporting in the event additional information was developed concerning its continued existence. This latter organization was organized to give some financial support to the SCLC. (U)

Atlanta and New York are instructed to review files, contact sources and determine whether the CP is exerting any influence on the SCLC through Levison and O'Dell or others and/or whether the Party is making any attempts to infiltrate this organization. The Bureau should be furnished a comprehensive summary of the information available to each office concerning all

- 1 - Atlanta (100-5718) (SCLC, RM)
- 3 - New York (1 - 100-147332) (NYF, SCLC, RM)

- 1 - 100-437326 (NY, SCLC)
- 1 - 100-427079 (SCLC, RM)

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Letter to Atlanta

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

individuals connected with the CP who are influential in or have a position in the SCLC. Sources who have previously furnished information concerning the influence of Levison and O'Dell on King and "King's group" should be recontacted, where appropriate, to pin down whether such influence is exerted on King, the SCLC or the individuals working with King on the integrationist movement. The extent and place of this influence should be clearly shown for purposes of evaluating whether a communist infiltration investigation should be conducted on the SCLC. (S)(u)

New York should furnish the Bureau and Atlanta its observations and analysis of the information it has developed to assist Atlanta in making its recommendations. Atlanta, upon receipt of New York's reply, should furnish the Bureau the results of its review and its recommendations as to whether a communist infiltration investigation is warranted in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 87 E of the Manual of Instructions. No investigation of this nature should be conducted, however, without Bureau authority. (u)

The Bureau has opened a separate file on this matter and correspondence relating to the communist infiltration of SCLC should be directed to this file rather than the Racial Matters file (100-427079)-157-632 (u)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Levison has been identified as Associate Director of SCLC and a secret member of the CP. O'Dell is being considered for a position as administrative assistant to King and is employed by the SCLC, in charge of the New York office. O'Dell has been identified as a CP member in the past [and was elected under a pseudonym to the National Committee of the CPUSA at the

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Letter to Atlanta

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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[17th National Convention of the CP in December, 1959. In May, 1960, NY 694-S* reported that CP policy then was to concentrate on Martin Luther King and the CP felt it was to the Party's advantage to assign outstanding Party members to work with the Martin Luther King group. As late as 11-21-61 the Atlanta Office has advised no information has been developed on which to base a security inquiry on SCLC. In view of the continued activity of Levison and O'Dell and the fact they exert influence on King it is deemed advisable to again ask for a review of the appropriate field office files to determine if any CP direction and infiltration of the SCLC has developed. ~~(S)~~

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SAC, Mobile

July 20, 1962

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Rampton

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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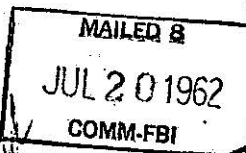
Relet requests Bureau to advise Mobile
whether a cominfil investigation should be instituted
of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
and the basis for the investigation. For the
information of Mobile, Atlanta and New York have been
requested by separate letter to review available
information to determine whether such an investigation
should be conducted. Upon receipt of the observations
of these offices and the recommendations of the
Atlanta Office, the Bureau will determine whether
authority should be granted for a cominfil investigation.
In the event an investigation is approved, the
Atlanta Office should furnish the Mobile Office
appropriate information in the event leads are
indicated for Mobile to cover.

For the information of all offices the Bureau
has opened a separate file under instant caption for
the purpose of receiving information concerning any
communist infiltration of the SCLC.

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TO DIRECTOR, -13- AND SAC, ATLANTA 100-5718
FROM SAC, NEW YORK 100-149194

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE

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NEW YORK TIMES, DATED JULY THIRTY ONE, SIXTY TWO, PAGE TWELVE,
CONTAINED INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS..

A GROUP OF NEW YORK MINISTERS IS PLANNING TO GO TO WASHINGTON
NEXT MONDAY TO DEMAND WHITE HOUSE INTERVENTION IN BEHALF OF THE
NEGROES IN THE RACIAL CRISES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. THE MINISTERS,
WHITE AND NEGRO, MET YESTERDAY IN A HARLEM CHURCH TO FORMULATE PLANS
FOR GETTING OTHER MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE TO JOIN
THE "MOTORCADE TO THE WHITE HOUSE." THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY
REV. GEORGE LAWRENCE, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND REV. DOCTOR THOMAS KILGORE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NEW YORK FRIENDS.

THE MINISTERS AGREED THEY WOULD CALL ON THE PRESIDENT TO INITIATE AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THE ^{AR}REST OF DOCTOR KING AND HIS ASSOCIATES HAD VIOLATED THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

SUCH AN INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED PERSONALLY IN ALBANY BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

THEY AGREED TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON AT FOUR A.M. ON MONDAY FROM THE METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH, SEVENTH AVENUE, BETWEEN ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH STREET AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH STREET, NYC.

THE "DAILY WORKER," DATED AUGUST FIVE, SIXTY TWO, PAGE ONE, CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING..

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MINISTERS FROM NYC AND SURROUNDING AREAS ARE ORGANIZING A MOTORCADE TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONDAY.

END PAGE TWO

THE WORKER" CONTAINED A QUOTE FROM REV. LAWRENCE THAT "IF THE
PRESIDENT DOES NOT SEE US AND SATISFY US, WE WILL DEMONSTRATE

PRAYERFULLY AND PEACEFULLY IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE. IF THIS
PRODUCES NO RESULTS, WE WILL MOBILIZE BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO CLERGYMEN
TO MARCH ON ALBANY, GEORGEA, AND TO DEMONSTRATE PEACEFULLY AND
PRAYERFULLY IN FRONT OF THE SAME MUNICIPAL BUILDING WHERE DOCTOR KING
AND HIS ASSOCIATES SOUGHT TO PRAY ANE WERE ARRESTED FOR IT."

AIRTEL WITH LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM TO FOLLOW.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Submitted herewith are 5 copies each of a letterhead memo and a reliability memo dated and captioned as above.

[redacted] and [redacted] were utilized in the attached memo.

The attached memo was classified "Confidential" since data reported from [redacted] and [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a source of continuing value, and compromise the future effectiveness thereof; and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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- 2 - Atlanta (100-5718) (Enc. 4) (RM)
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The "New York Times" dated July 31, 1962, page 12,
contains information concerning the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference (SCLC), as follows:

A group of New York ministers is planning to
go to Washington, D.C. next Monday to demand White House
intervention on behalf of the Negroes in the racial
crisis in Albany, Georgia.

The ministers, white and Negro, met in a Harlem
church to formulate plans for getting other ministers in the
eastern part of the state to join the "motorcade to the White
House." The meeting was presided over by Reverend George
Lawrence, Regional Representative of the SCLC, and the
Reverend Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Executive Secretary of the
New York Friends of the group.

Mr. Lawrence told the ministers that they would
be joined in the march to Washington by other clergymen from
the New England states, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and
the District of Columbia.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King and 27
associates were arrested in Albany last Friday
when they refused to end a prayer vigil at city hall.

Mr. Lawrence, who is pastor of the Antioch Baptist
Church in Brooklyn, New York, said that "the people in Washington"

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were attempting to set up an appointment for the ministers to see President Kennedy. He said he had been assured by a representative of the President that everything had been done to make this possible.

They said that they would call on the President to initiate an "immediate investigation" to determine if the arrest of Dr. King and his associates had violated their Constitutional rights. Such an investigation, they added, should be directed personally in Albany by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

They agreed to leave for Washington at 4:00 a.m. on Monday from the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Seventh Avenue between 128th and 129th Streets, New York City.

"The Worker" dated August 5, 1962, on page one, contains an article entitled, "Ministers Set Trek To JFK on Ga. Outrages." The article states that more than 150 ministers from New York City and surrounding areas are organizing a motorcade to Washington next Monday to demand "White House intervention in the tense situation in Albany, Georgia," where Dr. Martin Luther King and some 200 other Negroes are in jail.

The Reverend George Lawrence, Regional Representative of Dr. King's SCLC and pastor of Brooklyn's Antioch Baptist Church, stated, "If the President does not see and satisfy us, we will demonstrate prayerfully and peacefully in front of the White House. If this produces no results, we will mobilize both white and Negro clergymen to march on Albany, Georgia, and to demonstrate peacefully and prayerfully in front of the same municipal building where Dr. King and his associates sought to pray and were arrested for it."

Dr. Kilgore, pastor of Manhattan's Friendship Baptist Church, revealed a four-point program which the clergymen will seek to press:

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"1. To persuade President Kennedy to take a positive official stand on the moral and ethical issues involved in the Albany, Georgia, situation and against terror and violence generally in the deep South.

"2. To persuade the President to initiate immediate investigation to determine whether the continued harassment and jailing of Dr. King and his associates represents a violation of their Constitutional rights.

"3. To persuade the President to order Attorney General Robert Kennedy to go personally to Albany, Georgia, to direct such an investigation.

"4. To persuade the President to issue a second Emancipation Proclamation outlawing all forms of racial segregation, discrimination and persecution throughout America."

Concerning Reverend George Lawrence, on
August 6, 1954, [REDACTED]

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New York City, made available to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation records of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). Among those records was a carbon copy of a letter from the Harlem Division of the CRC dated March 1, 1951, which stated that "We of the Civil Rights Congress... wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the inspiring and moving address you delivered."

The CRC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[A source advised on April 6, 1960, that among the ministers active in securing signatures of a "Clergy Appeal to the President on Behalf of Morton Sobell," which appeal was emanated and sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, was Reverend Thomas Kilgore. (u)]

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is attached to the Appendix of this memorandum.

[A second source advised on July 7, 1961, that the name "Reverend George Lawrence, 828 Greene Avenue," appeared on a list of what he believed to be a mailing list of the 17th A.D. Club of the Kings County Communist Party. (u)]

"The Worker" is an east coast communist newspaper.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'"

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 9, 1962, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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Reference Memorandum, dated and captioned
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The "New York Times" dated July 31, 1962, page 12,
containing information concerning the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference (SCLC), as follows:

A group of New York ministers is planning to
go to Washington, D.C. next Monday to demand White House
intervention on behalf of the Negroes in the racial
crisis in Albany, Georgia.

The ministers, white and Negro, met in a Harlem
church to formulate plans for getting other ministers in the
eastern part of the state to join the "motorcade to the White
House." The meeting was presided over by Reverend George
Lawrence, Regional Representative of the SCLC, and the
Reverend Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Executive Secretary of the
New York Friends of the group.

Dr. Lawrence told the ministers that they would
be joined in the march to Washington by other clergymen from
the New England states, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and
the District of Columbia.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King and 27
associates were arrested in Albany last Friday
when they refused to end a prayer vigil at city hall.

Dr. Lawrence, who is pastor of the Antioch Baptist
Church in Brooklyn, New York, said that "the people in Washington"

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Rampton

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To: SAC, New York (100-149194)
From: Director, FBI (100-438794) -3

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ReNYairtel 8-3-62 which enclosed copies of a
letterhead memorandum under the above caption relating to
articles appearing in "The New York Times" and "The Worker"
and New York teletype, 8-3-62.

Review of the information in referenced
communications indicates the major subject of these
communications is the racial situation in Albany, Georgia.

The Bureau maintains a separate file (157-632)
concerning the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
(SCLC) to receive information of a strictly racial
matters connotation. The Bureau has not authorized a
communist infiltration investigation of SCLC as yet (see
Bulet to Atlanta, 7-20-62).

In the future, New York should carefully analyze
information submitted concerning the SCLC to properly
categorize it for submission to the Bureau under the
appropriate caption. The communist infiltration caption
should not be used unless the primary purpose or main
subject matter of the communication is to report data
showing Communist Party (CP) influence on the policies
or activities of the SCLC or CP attempts to infiltrate
the SCLC.

On page 3, next to last paragraph, of the
letterhead memorandum, the identity of the individual to whom
the letter is addressed is omitted. This should be included
whenever this characterization is used.

1 - 157-632 (SCLC-RM)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

We have not authorized a communist infiltration investigation of SCLC. Bulet 7-20-62 requested Atlanta and New York to review files and determine whether the CP is exerting any influence on the SCLC and whether any infiltration attempts are being made. These offices have been requested to make recommendations and, if the facts warrant, a communist infiltration investigation will be authorized.

The information in the memorandum enclosure to reairtel has been previously received and handled (see memorandum Rosen to Belmont, 8-4-62, captioned "Racial Situation; Albany, Georgia; Racial Matters). New York should be instructed to carefully appraise information involving the SCLC since its activities are in the racial field and as yet we have not received evidence of communist infiltration.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 8/21/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

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DATE: 6-11-83 1678 RFP/K
Reg. Garrow, D. / SCLC

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ReBulet to Atlanta, 7/20/62, which requested
NY to furnish the Bureau and Atlanta with observations
and analysis of the extent of CP influence or infiltration
of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). (u)

On 3/10/61, [redacted]

Manufacturers Trust Company, 275 West 125th Street, NYC,
advised that there is an account maintained at this
branch by the SCLC, whose officers are listed as MARTIN
LUTHER KING, President; BAYARD RUSTIN, Secretary; and
STANLEY D. LEVISON, Assistant Treasurer. (u)

CG 5824-S* on 8/6/57, advised that
STANLEY LEVISON and his brother, ROY
BENNETT, were active in CP financial
matters and business ventures which
contribute to the CP (S)(u)

NY 694-S* advised in October, 1961,
that LEVISON continues to donate
money to the CP, USA (S)(u)

During the period of February 9-15,
1957, CG 5824-S* advised that the 16th
National Convention, CP, USA, was held
in NYC on February 9-12, 1957, and that
BAYARD RUSTIN attended some of the
convention sessions as a guest (S)(u)

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[redacted] advised on 11/22/60, [redacted]

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NY 694-S* advised on 5/1/62, that on 4/30/62, ISADORE WOFSY, CP, USA fundt functionary, said that according to LEM HARRIS, he was told by STANLEY LEVISON that the CP, USA had sent "an experienced, professional, secret organizer" to New Orleans, who would assist the MARTIN LUTHER KING group there in its fight for political equality of Negroes. LEVISON allegedly told HARRIS that he personally, and not the Party, was financing this organizer. (S)(S)(u)

NY 694-S* advised on 5/2/62, that according to LEM HARRIS, the secret CP organizer, whom the CP, USA had sent to New Orleans, was JOSE HUDSON. HARRIS said that HUDSON would be associated with SERGEANT CAULFIELD in Baton Rouge. (S)(S)(u)

on 7/2/62, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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On 4/27/62, a pretext telephone call was made to UN 6-2000, which is the NYC listing for the Committee to Defend MARTIN LUTHER KING and also the listing for the SCLC at 312 West 125th Street, NYC. The pretext used was that of a person interested in contributing money to the KING committee. The person answering the phone during the conversation identified himself as JACK O'DELL, and furnished the following information: (u)

His office is the Northern Branch of the SCLC. The Committee to Defend MARTIN LUTHER KING, at 312 West 125th Street, was organized as an "ad hoc" committee to assist in the KING defense, when he was the subject of court action. When the reason for this committee's being in existence was removed, it was formally dissolved. The same personalities then formed the Committee to Aid the Southern Freedom Struggle, which is now operated at 312 West 125th Street. (u)

O'DELL stated that it would make no difference as to whether a person contributing money makes out checks payable to the Committee to Defend MARTIN LUTHER KING, the SCLC or the Committee to Aid the Southern Freedom Struggle, because they are all one and the same. (u)

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On 6/1/61, CG 5824-S* advised that HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, who was a secret member of the National Committee, CP, USA, has quit the CP and is officially considered by the CP as being out. However, there are no hard feelings existing between O'DELL and the Party and he is still on good terms with the CP and will work with them. (S)(u)

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED WITH RESPECT TO DISSEMINATION OF THE INFORMATION HEREIN, SINCE BY ITS NATURE IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY NY 694-S*, A VALUABLE INFORMANT, AS THE SOURCE THEREOF. UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN NY 694-S* IT SHOULD NOT BE INCORPORATED, EVEN IN PARAPHRASED FORM, IN THE INVESTIGATIVE SECTION OF A REPORT. (S)(u)

On 7/23/62, NY 694-S* stated during a personal contact with GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, on that date, HALL advised that HUNTER PITTS O'DELL is still representing the CP, USA and that he is still on the National Committee of the CP, USA. HALL further remarked that O'DELL is a "brain-trust" for LUTHER KING and is doing an excellent job. (S)(u)

Current investigation in NYC reflects that O'DELL is spending most of his time in the Atlanta area working with the SCLC. He was last reported in the NY area in June, 1962. (u)

On 2/11/62, NY 1300-S made available photographs of material maintained in the office of STANLEY LEVISON, 6 East 39th Street, NYC. Included in these photographs were the following: (S)(u)

1. Two checks, both dated 12/19/61, bearing the printed name of the "Southern Christian Leadership Conference", 312 West 125th Street, NY, NY. These checks (S)(u)

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are numbered 397 and 399, one in the amount of \$251.90 and one in the amount of \$150.00, are marked payable to J. O'DELL, and are signed by STANLEY D. LEVISON. (S) 4 (u)

2. Copy "C" of a Withholding Tax form for 1961, in the name of [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] (u)

NY 3575-S* advised on 6/20/62, that STANLEY LEVISON stated that in a recent conversation with MARTIN LUTHER KING, KING said he was thinking of getting another administrative assistant. LEVISON stated that in the past LEVISON had not considered it wise for O'DELL to take on such a position, but he is the only one who could do the job and should be considered for it. LEVISON stated as long as O'DELL did not have the title of Executive Director, there would not be "as much lightening flashing around him". O'DELL could be called a coordinator and still fulfill all the duties of Executive Director. (S) 4

LEVISON stated, according to NY 3575-S*, that KING liked LEVISON's suggestion with respect to O'DELL taking this position, because KING felt that O'DELL must face it sooner or later, stating "that no matter what a man was, if he could stand up now and say he is not connected, then as far as I am concerned, he is eligible to work for me". (S) 4

[REDACTED] advised on 7/11/61, [REDACTED]

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On 7/8/61, [REDACTED] stated that it had come to his attention that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had mentioned that he wanted (S) 4 (u)

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[REDACTED] The informant stated
that LIGHTFOOT highly recommended [REDACTED]

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on 3/10/61, [REDACTED]

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Comptroller's Office, New York City, Bureau of Excise Taxes, 120 West 32nd Street, made available an application for exemption from the New York City amusement tax, dated 1/23/61, and signed by STANLEY D. LEVISON. The exemption was requested for a "concert" to be given at Carnegie Hall on 1/27/61, for one evening performance. (u)

The name of the applicant was given as the "Committee to Aid the Southern Freedom Struggle", 312 West 125th Street, an unincorporated association. It is stated that the applicant is a non-profit educational committee which has registered with the Charities Registration Bureau in Albany and the Department of Welfare in NYC. It says that it employs no professional fund raisers and that neither its officers nor executive directors are paid either salaries or expenses. (u)

The, "Purposes for which applicant was organized", are listed as: (u)

"To provide funds for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to be used for establishment of constitutional rights in the South utilizing voting registration drives, educational meetings, church and synagogue conferences, sit-in techniques, legal actions etc." (u)

The, "Activities of the Applicant", are listed as: (u)

"Mail solicitations, benefits, meetings, educational conferences, church collections." (u)

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The, "Source and Disposition of Income", is listed as: (u)

"All income less expenses is transmitted to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference or directly paid out to sources indicated by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING is President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference." (u)

A "note" attached to the application stated that the committee was created by resolution as an unincorporated association at an organizing meeting held at the home of HARRY BELAFONTE, 300 West End Avenue, in June, 1960. (u)

The application for exemption from the New York City amusement tax was denied by letter 1/31/61, sent to the Committee to Aid the Southern Freedom Struggle, 312 West 125th Street, attention of STANLEY D. LEVISON. (u)

NY has considered the above facts and is of the opinion that a Cominfil investigation of the NY Chapter of the SCLC is warranted, due to the dominant CP influence on the executives of the NY Chapter of the SCLC. (u)

NY will conduct no further investigation without prior Bureau authority. (u)

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ReBulet to Atlanta, copies to New York,
7/20/62 and New York letter to the Bureau, copies
to Atlanta, 8/21/62, both in captioned matter.

The Bureau will render a decision con-
cerning the recommendation of the New York Office
contained in reNYlet that a communist infiltration
investigation of the New York Chapter of the
Southern Christian Leadership Conference is
warranted upon receipt of Atlanta reply to
reBulet.

Atlanta is instructed to submit its
reply to reBulet by return mail with copies being
furnished to the New York Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/29/62

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-New)

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Reference is made to Savannah letter to Bureau, 8/29/62, captioned HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, aka, IS-C (00 - New York) BuFile 100-358916; and HOSEA HERMAN HUDSON, Sr., aka., SM-C (00 - New York), BuFile 100-24548, wherein information obtained concerning the training sessions at the Dorchester Community Center, McIntosh, Georgia, is set forth.

In view of the possibility that the captioned organization which holds its training sessions at McIntosh, Ga., may be using CP members or sympathizers as instructors or as students, it is felt that the Bureau may be interested in acquiring additional information concerning this training school from sources and possibly through the registrations of the many out-of-State automobiles observed frequently at the Dorchester Community Center. If the Bureau so decides that this activity would warrant closer observation and additional investigation, some consideration has been given to utilizing [redacted]

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A search of Savannah indices of [redacted]

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SA [redacted] who has been contacting [redacted]
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has found [redacted] to be reliable and has found him to be a well-
educated and respected Negro in the area. (b)4

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It is felt that should the Bureau desire additional
investigation of the possibility of the captioned organization
being infiltrated by the CP [redacted] could be developed as a
source [redacted]
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No further inquiries or investigation will be made
concerning the center UACB.

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SAC, Savannah (105-New)

September 17, 1962

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1 - Mr. Rampton

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(OO - Atlanta)

ReSVlet 8-29-62 (no copies to Atlanta and New York).

For the information of Atlanta and New York, referenced letter suggested that, in view of the possibility that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) may be using Communist Party (CP) members or sympathizers as instructors or as students at the Dorchester Community Center, McIntosh, Georgia, the Bureau may be interested in acquiring additional information concerning this training school. Relet made reference to Savannah letter to the Bureau 8-29-62 captioned "Hunter Pitts O'Dell, aka, IS-C (OO - New York); and Hosea Herman Hudson, Sr., aka., SM-C (OO - New York)." This letter indicates SCLC is using the Dorchester Community Center as a training school for the training of Negroes in voting matters and in methods of demonstrating and that the demonstrators in Albany, Georgia, were all trained at this center. Review of referenced letter and the letter concerning O'Dell and Hudson does not disclose any information indicating CP participation in the activities at the Dorchester Community Center or participation on the part of CP members.

For the information of Savannah, the New York and Atlanta Offices have been instructed to review available information concerning CP interest in captioned organization and to furnish the Bureau recommendations as to whether a communist infiltration investigation of this organization is warranted in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions. No communist infiltration investigation has been authorized as yet. The New York Office has submitted its observations by letter dated 8-21-62 and recommended a communist infiltration investigation should be conducted. The Bureau has instructed Atlanta to furnish its recommendations and, upon receipt of this information, the Bureau will render a decision concerning the recommendations.

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Letter to Savannah

Re: Communist Infiltration of the
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In view of the foregoing, Savannah should furnish Atlanta and the Bureau the basis for its view that the possibility exists the SCLC may be using CP members or sympathizers as instructors or as students at the Dorchester Community Center, McIntosh, Georgia. In the event Bureau authorization is given Atlanta and pertinent offices to conduct a communist infiltration investigation, the Atlanta Office should advise Savannah and the Bureau whether this investigation should involve the Dorchester Community Center at McIntosh, Georgia. It is pointed out these instructions pertain only to a communist infiltration investigation and do not relate to any responsibilities pertinent offices might have in connection with Racial Matters investigations. For the information of Savannah, the Bureau maintains a separate file on the SCLC to receive information which relates to Racial Matters (157-632).

Atlanta is requested to expedite its reply to
Bulet 8-29-62.

1 - Mr. [redacted] ungardner (Field Supervision Folder)

1 - Mr. Rampton

SAC, Atlanta (100-5718)

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Director, FBI (100-438794) - 6

PERSONAL ATTENTION

**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Reurlet dated 9-20-62 wherein you advised that all Agents familiar with this matter are currently assigned to racial matter specials. You also advised that extensive file reviews are necessary by Agents familiar with this case and, therefore, recommendations as to whether a communist infiltration investigation should be instituted will be delayed. You indicated Atlanta will submit a letter with recommendations as soon as possible.

Bureau file indicates Bureau letter to Atlanta with copies to New York dated 7-20-62 requested Atlanta and New York to review files, contact sources and determine whether a communist infiltration investigation should be conducted on captioned organization. New York was instructed to furnish the Bureau and Atlanta its observations and analysis to assist Atlanta in making its recommendations. Atlanta was instructed to furnish the Bureau the results of its review and recommendations upon receipt of New York's reply. New York letter dated 8-21-62 with copies to Atlanta furnished the results of the New York review and recommended a communist infiltration investigation of the New York chapter of captioned organization. Bureau letter to New York with copies to Atlanta dated 8-29-62 advised the Bureau would hold in abeyance its decision concerning the recommendation of the New York Office pending receipt of the reply to Bureau letter dated 7-20-62 to be provided by Atlanta. Atlanta was instructed to submit its reply by return mail. Bureau letter to Savannah with copies to Atlanta and New York dated 9-17-62 instructed Atlanta to expedite its reply to Bureau letter dated 8-29-62.

From the information furnished by the Atlanta Office and its lack of response to Bureau communications, it is not readily apparent why there should be continued delay in furnishing the information that has been requested. Atlanta

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Letter to Atlanta

**Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
100-438794**

is instructed to immediately commence the necessary file reviews and furnish the Bureau a letter including the recommendations requested heretofore to reach the Bureau not later than 10-15-62. In the event this deadline cannot be met, a communication should be furnished to the Bureau which includes the explanations of personnel responsible for failure to meet the deadline and your recommendations concerning administrative action.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 9/20/62

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

SUBJECT: Cominfil of SCLC,
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(OO: ATLANTA)

ReBulet to Savannah 9/17/62.

All agents familiar with this matter are currently assigned to racial matter specials. Since extensive file reviews are necessary by agents familiar with this case, recommendations on whether a cominfil should be instituted will be delayed.

Atlanta will submit a letter with recommendations as soon as possible.

cc. *nm 817RB*
2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 9/25/62

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-5027) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
IS - C

(OO: Atlanta)

Re Bureau letter to Savannah dated 9/17/62.

Reference is made to a copy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) newsletter dated February 1962, No. 4. On page 3 is an article captioned "Citizenship Training at Dorchester, Georgia." This article describes JACK ODELL as a voter registration expert of SCLC's New York Office and further indicates that JACK ODELL had worked with a group at the Dorchester Community Center, McIntosh County, Ga., 1/15-20/62 in structuring a plan for Albany.

This information was previously set forth in Atlanta letter to the Bureau dated 7/12/62 captioned "HUNTER PITTS ODELL, aka.; HOSEA HERMAN HUDSON;" Bureau file #100-358916, Atlanta file #100-4037.

The above information is the only indication available to the Savannah Office at this time which would indicate that the SCLC may be using Communist Party members or sympathizers as instructors or as students at the Dorchester Community Center in McIntosh County, Ga.

In the event any additional information comes to the attention of the Savannah Office regarding the use of Communist Party members or sympathizers as participants, the Bureau and Atlanta Office will be advised.

- cc Mr 817 RB
- 2 - Bureau (100-438794) (Registered Mail)
 - 2 - Atlanta (100-5718) (Registered Mail)
 - 1 - Savannah (100-5027)

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URGENT 9-25-62 9-06 AM EST JWC
TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /100-5718/

① SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. RM.

[REDACTED] ATLANTA ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, ADVISED
SEPT. TWENTYFOUR, LAST, THAT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE IS HAVING THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM ON
SEPT. TWENTYFIVE DASH SEPT. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYTWO. THE MEETING
IS TO BE HELD AT THE GASTON BUILDING IN THE L.R. WALL AUDITORIUM.

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SOME OF THE SPEAKERS ARE WHITNEY YOUNG, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY OF THE URBAN LEAGUE, JACKIE ROBINSON, EX-BASEBALL
PLAYER, ADAM CLAYTON ^{POWELL} PYLE OF NEW YORK, AND FRED SUTTLESWORTH.
SHAPIRO SAID DEMONSTRATIONS ARE PLANNED FOR SEPT. TWENTYSEVEN
AND TWENTYEIGHT UNLESS AGREEMENTS ARE REACHED PRIVATELY WITH
SOME OF THE BIRMINGHAM MERCHANTS REGARDING INTEGRATED SERVICES.

DELTA AIRLINES ADVISED TODAY THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
IS LEAVING ATLANTA AT TEN FORTYFIVE A.M., SEPT. TWENTYFIVE,
SIXTYTWO, ON FLIGHT NO. EIGHT FIVE THREE, ARRIVING AT BIRMINGHAM
TEN TWENTY A.M., BIRMINGHAM TIME.

G DASH TWO, THIRD ARMY, ADVISED.
LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *JB*

DATE: 9/25/62

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*SUBJECT: *O* SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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ALA The latest developments in the Birmingham situation are as follows:
So far everything is most peaceful. Delegates are registering, the Reverend Martin Luther King has arrived, and the police are keeping in close touch with the situation. The Birmingham Office has good sources attending the meetings and so far there is no indication of any demonstrations planned by the delegates. The Conference is to last four days.

1 - Mr. Evans

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

9/27/62

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., is President, is holding a conference in Birmingham, Alabama from 9/25-28/62. The Department is being kept advised of the progress and activities of the conference.

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URGENT 9-27-62 1-26 AM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /100-3080/ 3P

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ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX, CHIEF OF POLICE JAMIE MOORE, NA,
^{Police Dept}
BIRMINGHAM PD ADVISED NO VIOLENCE OR OTHER UNUSUAL INCIDENT WAS
REPORTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST DAY MEETING SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE
OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PAREN (SCLC) PAREN. HE
SAID OPENING DAY PRINCIPAL SPEAKER JACKIE ROBINSON ~~DEPART~~ DEPARTED
BIRMINGHAM MORNING OF SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX. MOORE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED
NO CONFIRMATION REGARDING THE ARRIVAL OF ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, U. S.
CONGRESSMAN, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT EIGHT P.M. SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX
AT THE SIXTEENTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

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SPOT CHECKS OF SCLC MEETING PLACE AND ADJACENT GASTON MOTEL,
WHERE SOME DELEGATES RESIDING, DURING MORNING, AFTERNOON AND EVENING
SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX, ~~REFLECTS~~ REFLECTS NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AND NO
GATHERING OF CROWDS. POLICE PATROLS ARE NOW LIMITED TO INTERMITTENT
CAR AND MOTORCYCLE PATROLS IN THE AREA.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO FIVE ZERO DELEGATES ASSEMBLED THIS DATE AT SCLC, INAUGURATING ITS SECOND DAY OF MEETING.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING ~~INFORMXXX~~ INFORMED THE DELEGATES THAT ALABAMA STATE AUTHORITIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW LEAD OF MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITIES IN DEFIANCE OF FEDERAL COURTS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO SCHOOL INTEGRATION. HE SPOKE FAVORABLY CONCERNING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT-S EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE OLE ~~MISS~~ MISS UNIVERSITY. HE PLEDGED SUPPORT OF SCLC IN EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY, AUBURN, ALABAMA. HE ADVISED THAT THE PROGRAM FOR TODAY IN ADDITION TO KEY NOTE DISCUSSION BY REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY CALLS FOR PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF PROGRESS OF INTEGRATION THROUGHOUT VARIOUS SOUTHERN STATES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLC FROM THESE STATES.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ~~GOVERNORAXXX~~ GOVERNOR-NOMINATE GEORGE C. WALLACE OF ALABAMA IN RESPONSE TO COMMENT BY REV. KING THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO INTEGRATE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY, SAID QUOTE, "I AM GOING TO HAVE MORE TO DO WITH THAT THAN ANY RABBLE ROUSER SINCE I AM GOING TO BE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA AND THERE WILL BE NO INTEGRATION WHILE I AM GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA" ~~END UOXXX QUOTE.~~
END PAGE TWO.

PAGE THREE.

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS THIS DATE SAID THAT REV. KING INDICATED THAT SCLC WOULD START INTEGRATION DRIVE IN ALABAMA IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. DRIVE WILL FOCUS ON INCREASED VOTER REGISTRATION, VOTER ~~PARTICIPATION~~ PARTICIPATION, ADMISSION OF NEGROES TO ~~UNIVERSITY~~ ~~XXX~~ UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY NEXT YEAR AS WELL AS DESEGREGATION OF PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC FACILITIES. KING ALSO STATED HE AND MEMBERS OF STAFF WILL BE BACK LATER THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS INTEGRATION MOVES IN DIFFERENT CITIES IN ALABAMA.

KING AND REV. FRED ~~SHUTTLESWORTH~~ SHUTTLESWORTH SAID THAT NO DEMONSTRATIONS ARE PLANNED ~~QUOTE~~ "AS OF NOW" ~~END QUOTE~~. KING GAVE NO SPECIFIC DATES IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE FOR ANY OF INTEGRATION EFFORTS.

JACKIE ROBINSON SPOKE AT SCLC BANQUET NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE AND INDICATED HE WANTED PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO TAKE ACTION IN CIVIL RIGHTS.

CLOSE CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SOURCES. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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CONFIDENTIALDate: **September 26, 1962**

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Via **AIRTEL****AIRMAIL**

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To: Director, FBI (157-6-4)

From: SAC, Birmingham (100-3080)

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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION
RACIAL MATTERS

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
 AND FIELD OFFICES
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to certain incidents concerning the anticipated meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Birmingham, September 25, and 28, 1962.

BH T-1 is [redacted] a Confidential Source. **X4**

Chief of Police, JAMIE MOORE, Birmingham Police Department, Birmingham, Alabama, was advised of information in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

[redacted] CIC, was advised.

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 BY **6383 YR/ang**

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished locally to OSI, CIC, and ONI. Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

300 American Life Building

Birmingham 3, Alabama

September 25, 1962

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DATE 6-11-82

RE: RACIAL SITUATION
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~~(X)~~ Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 24, 1962, that a delegation of Negroes asked Chief of Police, JAMIE MOORE, Birmingham Police Department, for a permit to have a motorcade or a police escort for Congressman Adam Clayton Powell when he comes to Birmingham on Wednesday, September 26, 1962, to speak at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. ALF ALF

Confidential Informant T-1 stated that Chief Moore, in the presence of Police Commissioner Eugene Connor, BIRMINGHAM, refused the motorcade or police escort, stating he did not have enough men to do this. T-1 said that Reverend A. D. W. King, Pastor of an Ensley Baptist Church, Birmingham, and Reverend Martin Luther King questioned Chief Moore as to why he could have a motorcade and police escort in connection with football games, etc. and yet could not afford one for a U. S. Congressman. T-1 said at this point, Commissioner Connor stated he was not going to argue about it, but that there was not going to be a motorcade or an escort. ALF ALF

T-1 said Reverend F. L. Shuttlesworth and other leaders of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights discussed plans on the afternoon of September 24, 1962, for a demonstration by Birmingham Negro high school students after school on Thursday, September 27, 1962. According to T-1, Reverend Shuttlesworth indicated that the high school students could be notified by word of mouth and they could all come to downtown Birmingham after school for a demonstration. Someone said that if they carried signs they would be put in jail. Reverend Shuttlesworth said that they did not need to carry signs. ALF ALF

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T-1 further stated that four unknown Negroes have agreed to "sit-in" at the lunch counter at Newberry's Department Store during the Southern Christian Leadership Conference meeting. *24*

Reverend Wyatt T. Walker, Assistant to Reverend Martin Luther King, advised that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is short of funds; and therefore, it will be inadvisable to permit Reverend Martin Luther King to go to jail in Birmingham. T-1 said he feels that Reverend Shuttlesworth and J. S. Phifer, integration leaders, have no desire to go to jail at this time. T-1 said Reverend Shuttlesworth seemed "kind of jumpy," but he believed Shuttlesworth wants some kind of demonstration or incident to happen during the Southern Christian Leadership Conference convention. T-1 said that Shuttlesworth stated "It will be a disgrace before God for this group to come to Birmingham and nothing happen." *24*

T-1 said it was not decided to permit the students to demonstrate, but that it was discussed fully; and, in his opinion, some sort of demonstration may occur. *24*

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *Also*

DATE: September 27, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen *Am*SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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At 12:22 p. m., SAC Fitzgibbons, Birmingham, telephonically advised that last night, 9/26/62, at 11:30 p. m., at a street intersection near the meeting place of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, A. D. W. King, pastor of the Ensley Baptist Church in Birmingham and brother of Martin Luther King, was arrested by two police officers of the Birmingham Police Department.

Mr. Fitzgibbons advised that King was arrested and charged with failure to obey an officer and interfering with a police officer in the line of duty.

The arrest of King arose when the police officers were directing traffic at an intersection close to the meeting place of the Conference and were cautioning a colored pedestrian, unidentified but believed to be a delegate to this convention, about jaywalking. King interjected himself and, when he refused to move on, was arrested. King was allowed to post nominal bond and did not go to jail. The trial of King is set for 10/5/62.

SAC Fitzgibbons advised that Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (Democrat-New York), who was supposed to speak last night at the convention, did not appear as scheduled.

Fitzgibbons further advised that the meeting today will feature a youth rally and tonight's meeting at 8:00 p. m. has listed as the speakers Martin Luther King and Fred Shuttlesworth, prominent integrationists.

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Above for information.

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(OO: Birmingham)APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE 12-5-79Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to the Sixth Annual Convention of the
① SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted]

T-2 is [redacted]

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Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished locally to CIC, ONI, and OSI.

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Birmingham 3, Alabama
September 27, 1962

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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DATE 6-11-80

RE: RACIAL SITUATION
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

On September 26, 1962, Chief of Police
JAMIE MOORE, NA, Birmingham Police Department, ad-
vised that there was no violence or other unusual B. IN GA
incidents in connection with the first day meeting,
September 25, 1962 of the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC) in Birmingham. He said that the
opening day principal speaker, JACKIE ROBINSON, departed ALA
Birmingham on the morning of September 26, 1962. NY

Spot checks of the SCLC meeting place and
adjacent Gaston Motel, where some delegates are
residing during the morning, afternoon, and evening of
September 26, 1962, reflected no unusual activity and
no gathering of crowds. Police patrols were limited to
intermittent car and motorcycle patrols in the area.

(C) Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised
on September 26, 1962 that approximately 250 delegates NEGRO
assembled that date at the L. R. Hall Auditorium of the
A. G. Gaston Building, opening the second day of the
SCLC. Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING in a brief address informed
the delegates that Alabama State Authorities can be
expected to follow the lead of Mississippi Authorities in AL
defiance of federal court, particular with reference to
school integration. He spoke favorably concerning the
federal government's efforts to integrate Ole Miss University.
He pledged the overall support of the SCLC in efforts to
integrate the University of Alabama and Auburn University,
Auburn, Alabama

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RE: RACIAL SITUATION
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

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"THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS" for September 26, 1962 printed a story which stated that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING indicated that the SCLC would start an integration drive in Alabama in 1963; that the drive will be focused on integration of voter registration, voter participation, admission of Negroes to the University of Alabama and Auburn University, as well as desegregation of public and semi-public facilities. KING also stated, according to this article, that he and members of his staff will be back later this year to discuss integration moves in different cities in Alabama. Rev. KING and Rev. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH said that no demonstrations are planned "as of now". Rev. KING gave no specific dates in 1963 for any integration efforts.

4 ~~65~~ Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 26, 1962 that a "Freedom Dinner" of the Sixth Annual Convention of the SCLC was held on the night of September 25 at the L. R. Hall Auditorium of the A. G. Gaston Building, with approximately 800 persons in attendance, including approximately 20 white men and women. T-2 said that the invocation was given by Rev. JOHN B. MORRIS, Director of the Episcopal Society for Racial and Cultural Unity, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. A. G. GASTON, President of Booker T. Washington Life Insurance Company, Birmingham, and owner of the Gaston Building, brought greetings to the SCLC. He said that his "chief concern in the struggle for human rights has been economics because we cannot be first-class citizens unless we have some money. It is not everything but it is so convenient to have." Dr. GASTON said that someone asked him where such an affair as the "Freedom Dinner" could have been held if the A.G. Gaston Building had not been available.

Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of the SCLC, said, "We are here to map strategy as to how we can be more effective in a non-violent way in our struggle against segregation. Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama have made no progress whatsoever as relates to desegregating the schools and the other Southern States have only made token integration. One hundred years ago the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, granting freedom and equal

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RE: RACIAL SITUATION
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

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justice. This very nation was founded upon this principle, and yet today we are still fighting for it. If we continue on, I believe that we can redeem the soul of America. The American dream and millions of American Negroes are being trampled underfoot in the dust."

Rev. NELSON H. SMITH, JR., Minister of the New Pilgrim Baptist Church, Birmingham, introduced the principal speaker, JACKIE ROBINSON, Vice-President in Charge of Personnel, Chock Full O'Nuts, New York, N.Y.

[T-2 said] ^(S) ⁴ that some of the statements made by ROBINSON were as follows:

"The fight going on tonight is great (referring to the FLOYD PATTERSON and SONNY LISTON prize fight) but this is a much greater fight. I have listened over the radio and television and read the newspapers and magazines of what you have facing you here in the South, but I have experienced what it is like in Georgia when I saw the burned down churches. I am proud to head the campaign to raise money for the rebuilding of these churches. We cannot permit these churches to remain down very long. We were able to get \$10,000.00 in securities from Governor ~~ROCKEFELLER~~ ^{Gov. S. A.} and \$5,000.00 from ~~Chock Full O'Nuts~~. We invite you to give. These burned churches give us an image of Red China and Communist Russia. It has been tough for me not to hit back. Anyone who will burn a church is the lowest type of individual in the world. They must be stopped for America's sake.

"We must seek to get more women to participate in this freedom struggle because we need them to give us the encouragement to go on. I believe in calling upon advice. No wonder Dr. KING can be so great. He has all of these great men around him who could just as easily go out on their own. My mother told me a long time ago not to go South. I kept her advice for a long time. I don't believe I could turn the other cheek down here. At least that was the way I felt when I saw those burned churches in Sasser, Georgia. A white lady up North who was soliciting funds to help rebuild the churches was rejected by Negroes. She sent in her check of \$12.00. This is all of our fight.

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"WILLIE MAYS was abused because he was attempting to buy a home in a certain section of California.... We can't forget that University of Mississippi students, inspired by Governor ROSS BARNETT, attempted, after taking down the United States Flag, to hoist the Rebel flag, but were stopped by some other student...A federal officer was jumped on in Georgia... I don't like violence, Dr. KING, but I don't feel bad over the Negro woman in Georgia who shot it out with a group of brave white men and left one ready to be put in the box. I am also glad the judge ruled it was justifiable homicide. Maybe this is what it is going to take. I understand that many Negroes are arming themselves. It is just like when a dog runs a cat and runs as far as he can and gets his back against the wall, that dog comes up with a bloody nose. I hope the President of the United States recognizes that our backs are against the wall. What will happen if BARNETT is permitted to get by? The prestige of this country will sink to its lowest level. I am not interested in the President's talk, what we need is action. As you know, I didn't vote for KENNEDY, I campaigned for NIXON. Many Negroes told me they did not like NIXON or KENNEDY. That phone call to Dr. KING caused KENNEDY to be elected President because thousands of Negroes over this country voted for him because they respected the judgment of Dr. KING... They should not worry so much about sending the Peace Corps to Africa, they should send it to Birmingham, Alabama and Mississippi. There are many backward people here. I don't believe we will continue to permit these people to deny us our privileges and opportunities. I think the Freedom Riders are great.. When you start taking that dollar away from the white man you will see a change... The vote is very necessary... They tell me BULL CONNOR is one of the worst men in the country. (T-2 said) here that the audience said AMEN) There are a lot of nice white Americans right here in Birmingham, many want to help but don't have the courage. Maybe they are waiting for us to stand up better; some are waiting for the President of the United States to get up. Let whites know we appreciate their help. We demand it. I owe a sincere debt of gratitude to Negroes and democratic white people throughout this nation. I

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shall continue to work for Dr. KING and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Even though I have lost many awards because of my stand, I have not lost my self respect. They tell me that Birmingham is the worst city in the United States. I was born in Georgia but I got away quick. I have seen the love and admiration people have for Dr. KING in New York. They have asked him many questions, but have not been able to twist him up. I am sorry we can't participate more."

(S) T-2 said that JACKIE ROBINSON indicated he wanted President KENNEDY to take action in Civil Rights matters.

(S) T-2 advised on September 26, 1962 that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. stated the following in his press conference, September 25, 1962:

"Interest must be generated within qualified Negroes to enter the University of Alabama and Auburn University. Whatever takes place in the city (Birmingham) as it relates to demonstrations, depends on what Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH and the local leaders think is to be done. T-2 said that Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH said at this press conference "There is a possibility that demonstrations will take place, but this will be determined by the actions of the power structure of the city." When asked about the power structure, he replied, "The power structure is the merchant, those who control the money. It's time for other white leaders also to act to prevent what could happen."

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TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: September 28, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
 CONFERENCE (SCLC) MEETING
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/25-28/62
 RACIAL MATTERS

The Birmingham Office has advised that Roy James, a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) from Arlington, Virginia, entered the meeting of the SCLC in Birmingham, Alabama, today and struck the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., several times. James was taken into custody by the Birmingham Police Department (PD) and is being questioned by the officers at the Birmingham jail. *B A P M E Y 1968*

James, a white male and 24 years of age, who gave his address as 6150 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, reportedly entered the meeting and hit the Reverend Mr. King over the head several times with his fist. According to the information received by the Birmingham Office, King was not badly hurt and James was immediately arrested by the Birmingham Police.

It is noted that 6150 Wilson Boulevard is a house used as a dormitory by members of the ANP.

ACTION:

Birmingham Office is obtaining more details. The Civil Rights Division is being advised.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 10/11/62

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Re Bureau letters to Atlanta, 7/20/62, to Mobile,
7/20/62, and to Savannah, 9/17/62.

The following shows Communist Party influence or
possible influence on MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and WYATT T.
WALKER, President and Executive Director, respectively, of
the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) which is
headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., has been described as a
confirmed Marxist. (u)

(NY 694-S*, 2/12/62) (u)

On 8/22/58 BEN DAVIS stated that while conversing with
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., KING told him how glad he was to see
him back among his people to lead the fight

(u) 8/28/58 (u)

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"The Worker" issue of 10/30/60 on page 1 identified
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as National Secretary of the Communist Party.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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A communist Party (CP) club meeting of the Ninth Congressional District, Illinois CP, was held 5/4/60 at the home of DOROTHY DAVIES, 1214 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. After the meeting was over DAVIES discussed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and HARRY BELLEFONTE. DAVIES stated both KING and BELLEFONTE went to see BENJAMIN DAVIS and asked for help in their present problems concerning integration and civil rights. (S)

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BENJAMIN DAVIS on 1/17/59 furnished WILLIAM Z. FOSTER at that time General Secretary of the CP, USA, a letter he had received from KING. DAVIS explained to FOSTER that KING's grandfather and his father had been close friends politically in Georgia. When KING visited New York last summer, DAVIS said he talked to him and he was very friendly. DAVIS told FOSTER that KING claimed he knew about DAVIS, his prison record and what DAVIS stood for. (S)

(NY 1697-S*, 1/17/59) (S) (S)

On 9/7/61 a testimonial was held in honor of HENRY WINSTON in the Skyline Ballroom of the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York, New York. One of the speakers at this testimonial was MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (u)

[REDACTED] 9/7/61 (S) (S)

At a CP, USA, National Executive Committee meeting

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[REDACTED] 8/14/61 (S) (S)

On 10/27/61 JACK O'DELL, aka Hunter Pitts O'Dell, stated that he, O'DELL is the administrator of the New York Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), 312 West 125th Street, New York City, which is headed by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

(Pretext telephone call to JACK O'DELL, 10/27/61)

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(SA [redacted] telephonically contacted JACK O'DELL under the guise of a person interested in contributing money to the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr. The telephone call was made to New York telephone number UN 6-2000, the listed telephone number of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.)

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STANLEY LEVISON is MARTIN LUTHER KING's "Assistant Chief." LEVISON has been described as a real estate man in New York City who spends half his time advising and helping KING.

[(NY 2314-S*, 9/24/58)] (~~S~~)(u)

STANLEY LEVISON and his brother, ROY BENNETT, were active in CP financial matters and business ventures which contributed to the CP. (S)

[(CG 5824-S*, 8/6/57)] (~~S~~)(u)

LEVISON continues to donate money to the CP, USA. (~~S~~)(u)

[(NY 694-S*, October, 1961)] (~~S~~)(u)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was a supporter of the Washington Appeal for MORTON SOBELL's release during the traditional Christmas Amnesty period. (~~S~~)(u)

[redacted] 9/22/60)] (~~S~~)(u)

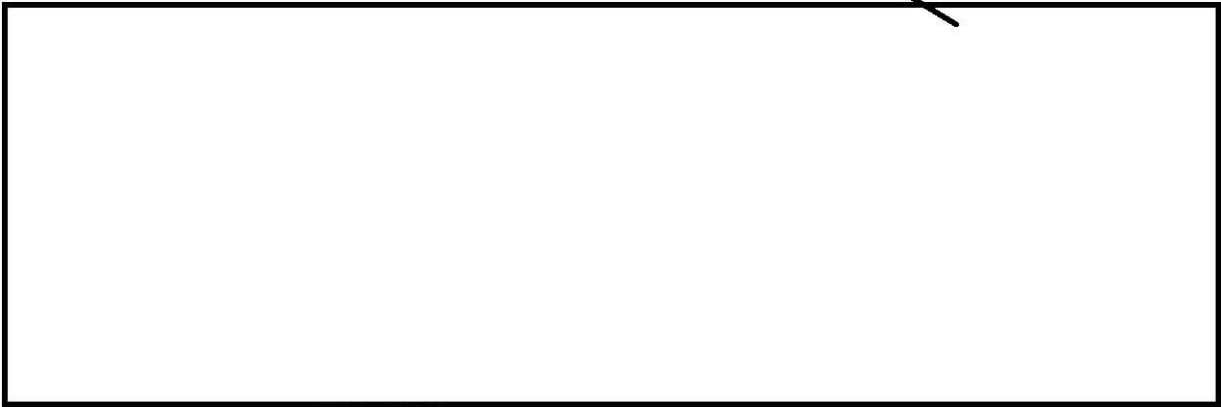
MORTON SOBELL was convicted on 4/5/61 in USDC, SDNY, for violation of the Espionage Conspiracy Statute and was sentenced to 30 years in prison, which he is currently serving.

All sources utilized above have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] advised on 1/29/62 that [redacted]
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The above information should not be used in a report because the San Francisco Office advised it was not to be distributed outside the Bureau because the only persons present during this discussion were [redacted] and the informant. (S) (U)

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NY 2471-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised TED BASSETT, a member of the State Committee, New York State Communist Party and editorial writer for "The Worker" contacted "Public Relations" at Southern Christian Leadership Conference on 10/28/60. BASSETT asked to speak to JAMES WOODS (former public relations director of SCLC) but in his absence talked to WYATT T. WALKER. BASSETT identified himself and stated "I was down there and wrote a story I wanted to follow up." WALKER advised "Things have changed, I'll write you the additional details." BASSETT furnished his address as that of "The Worker" in New York City and inquired whether WALKER had seen the story he had written. WALKER replied in the negative and asked BASSETT to mail it to him. WALKER also requested that BASSETT put "us" on his mailing list (mailing list of "The Worker.") (u)

On 4/21/61 NY 2354-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of the names and addresses of subscribers maintained by "The Worker," 23 West 26th Street, New York City. One of the photographs shows the following: "Rev. Wyatt Walker, 41 Exchange Place, S. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia." It is noted that 41 Exchange Place was the address of SCLC in June, 1962. (u)

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(u) On 5/2/61 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that some people in the Washington, D. C., area had received letters with the return address of 584 Alfred Road, N. W., Atlanta 18, Georgia. These letters enclosed a petition for clemency for CARL BRADEN addressed to President of the United States. The petition stated BRADEN was subpoenaed to appear before the House Unamerican Activities Committee (HUAC) in 1958, refused to answer pertinent questions, was convicted for contempt and was sentenced to serve one year in jail. These letters were signed by several people, two of whom were MARTIN LUTHER KING and WYATT T. WALKER of Atlanta, Georgia. b7D

[redacted] on 12/22/59 identified CARL BRADEN as Field Secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF). (u)

ALBERTA AHERN, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, who is an admitted former member of the Communist Party, testified in court in Jefferson County, Kentucky, that BRADEN and his wife, ANNE, were known to her as member of the Communist Party in Louisville from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

On 4/24/61 [redacted] (a former source of information) whose identity he requested be concealed, made available a petition for clemency appeal in the case of CARL BRADEN. The mailing address for this appeal was given as 584 Alfred Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

On 5/12/61 inquiry in the neighborhood determined that Rev. WYATT T. WALKER resided at that address. b7D

On 4/9/62 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on 4/3/62 a meeting of the Program Committee of the Washington Committee to Abolish the HUAC met at 3923 McKinley Street, Washington, D. C. Discussion was held regarding an affair to be held by Washington Committee to Abolish the HUAC (WACAHUAC) on 5/4/62. It was announced the featured speakers would be WYATT T. WALKER of Atlanta, Georgia, Executive Secretary of the SCLC, CARL BRADEN and FRANK WILKINSON. (u)

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WILKINSON was sentenced along with BRADEN to serve one year for refusal to testify before HUAC. WILKINSON is also a former Communist Party member, according to sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

The following are known Communist Party members who are associated with SCLC at the present time: ~~(u)~~

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL
HOSEA HERMAN HUDSON
SARGEANT CAULFIELD
STANLEY LEVISON

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An undated folder published by SCLC, Voter Registration Department, 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, titled "Crusade for the Ballot" set forth a list of officers. J. H. O'DELL, which is one of HUNTER PITTS O'DELL's aliases, is listed as a consultant on the voter registration field staff. This folder carries the address of 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, for SCLC and it is noted that SCLC has been at this address only for the past few months.

[redacted] the Walunaje Apartment Hotel, 239 West Lake Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 9/25/62 that O'DELL registers in and out from New York City and represents himself as being with SCLC. She said that he has represented himself in this capacity as late as September, 1962, and that he registers under the name of J. H. O'DELL.

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At the last session of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) held December 10 to December 13, 1959, in New York City, the election of the new National Committee, CP, USA, was held. Three individuals from the South were elected to membership on this new National Committee, one being CORNELIUS JAMES. ~~(S)~~

~~[(CG 5824-S*, 12/14/59)]~~

It was determined that the identity of CORNELIUS JAMES is fictitious and JAMES is actually identical to HUNTER PITTS O'DELL. ~~(S)~~

~~[(NY 694-S*, 1/6/60)]~~

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It was learned on 6/1/61 that HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had quit the Communist Party and he is considered by the CP, USA, as being officially out of the CP. However, O'DELL is still on good terms with the CP and he will work with the CP. ~~(S)~~

((CG 5824-S*, 6/1/61)) ~~(S)~~

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was among those persons who attended a conference of the CP, USA, National Committee, District Leaders and Selected Functionaries, which was held at Academy Hall, New York City, 6/22-24/62. (C)

[REDACTED] 7/3/62) ~~(S)~~

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In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was considered by the CP, USA as a member of its National Committee. ~~(S)~~ (u)

[(NY 694-S*)] ~~(S)~~

A SCLC newsletter dated February, 1962, on page 3, contained an article captioned "Citizenship Training at Dorchester, Georgia." This article describes JACK O'DELL (which is another alias of HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) as a voter registration expert of SCLC, New York Office, and further indicates that JACK O'DELL had worked with a group at the Dorchester Community Center, McIntosh County, Georgia, 1/15-20/62 in structuring a plan for Albany.

Savannah letter to the Bureau dated 9/25/62 advised that this is the only indication available at this time which would indicate that the SCLC may be using Communist Party members for sympathizers, as instructors, or as students at the Dorchester Community Center.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 5/23/62 that [REDACTED]

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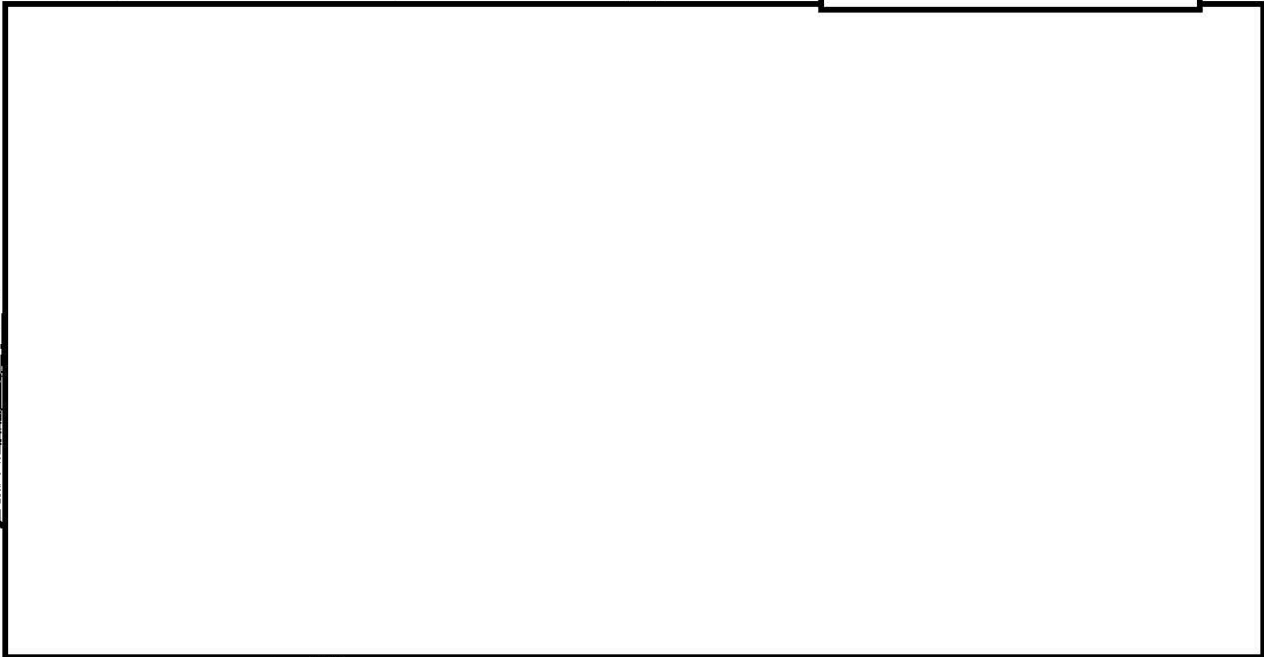
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[redacted] advised on 6/1/62 that [redacted]



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The pertinent information showing STANLEY LEVISON's connections with SCLC was set forth by the New York Office in their letter in captioned matter dated 3/21/62.

Another connection of LEVISON with SCLC is being set out as follows:

On 6/15/62 SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] Charities Registration Bureau (CRB), New York State Department of Social Welfare, 91 State Street, Albany, New York. During this contact [redacted] made available the CRB file on the organization "Appeal for Human Dignity Now" (AFHDN), 13 Astor Place, New York 3, N. Y. This file disclosed that the CRB received a letter dated 4/13/61 on the stationery

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of STANLEY LEVISON, Attorney at Law, 6 East 39th Street, New York 19, N. Y. In this letter LEVISON requested to be furnished an application for registration "by a committee in organization to be known as Appeal for Human Dignity Now."

One photostat of the registration statement of the AFHDN bearing #9535 received by the CRB on 6/5/61 reflects the AFHDN solicited under the slogan "Dollars for Human Dignity" and seeks to provide financial assistance to the movement for desegregation and achievement for equal rights under the Constitution. The statement indicates there will be emphasis on giving more assistance to the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee of Atlanta, Georgia. Page three of the registration statement contains the name of STANLEY D. LEVISON as co-chairman of the AFHDN.

The following security sources of information were contacted on 10/8/62 and they had no information regarding any Communist Infiltration of the SCLC. These sources are all familiar with some activities of SCLC through their work in the desegregation field:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

" [REDACTED] is familiar with some Communist and racial activities in the Atlanta area, advised on 10/8/62 that he had no information concerning Communist Infiltration into SCLC. *2 4*

It is recommended that a Cominfil investigation be authorized by the Bureau in view of information furnished by the New York Office in their letter to the Bureau dated 8/21/62 in addition to that information set out above.

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It is not contemplated there would be any need for investigation by Savannah at the Dorchester Center, McIntosh County, Georgia. The only CP member known to be active there was O'DELL and that was for a short period of time in early 1962. (X)(u)

There is no indication that any investigation would be made in this matter in the Mobile Division.

New Orleans, if investigation authorized by the Bureau, should determine whether a SCLC branch has been established in your division. If so, whether CAULFIELD, HUDSON or other CP members formed or control it or have any great influence on its activities. (X)(u)

It is obvious that all CP infiltration or influence known at this time is either in New York City or emanates from there. The only CP member who is known to be an officer of SCLC is HUNTER PITTS O'DELL. He divides his time between his position of head of SCLC branch office in New York City and his duties at Atlanta Headquarters. All of his known CP contacts are in New York City with the exception of SARGEANT CAULFIELD in Louisiana. (X)(u)

Information set forth on page one of this letter furnished by NY 694-S* characterizing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. must, if used in a report, be classified secret. (X)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York N. Y.

June 8, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 100-432067

Re: Communist Infiltration of the
Negro American Labor Council,
Internal Security - C

On June 6, 1961 a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a circular which announced a call to a mass rally to be held on Friday, June 9, 1961, at the Salem Methodist Church, 129th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City. The rally is to be sponsored jointly by the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the purpose is to support the Freedom Riders and to end job discrimination. The chairman of the rally is L. Joseph Overton, Vice President, NALC. Speakers listed are A. Philip Randolph, President, NALC; Rev. Wyatt T. Walker, Executive Secretary, SCLC; Harry Belafonte; Joe Louis; Jackie Robinson; Jim McDonald, a Freedom Rider; Vusumi Make, South African Liberation Leader; Cornelius Maiden, Vice President, NALC; Ted Brown, National Secretary, NALC; and entertainment by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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SAC, Atlanta (100-5718)

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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Harrington
1 - Mr. Rampton

Director, FBI (100-438794) - 9

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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ReATlet 10/11/62 and NYlet 8/21/62. No copies of the last named letter were sent to New Orleans, Mobile or Savannah.

Based upon the information furnished in relets, Atlanta and New York are authorized to conduct a communist infiltration investigation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Also, New Orleans is authorized to determine whether the SCLC has established a branch in the New Orleans territory and whether Communist Party (CP) members formed it or are infiltrating it. New Orleans should contact appropriate sources and furnish the Bureau and Atlanta a resume of information developed and include recommendations concerning a communist infiltration investigation in New Orleans territory in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions.

Atlanta and New York should be guided by the instructions in the above-quoted section of the Manual in conducting this investigation. New York and Atlanta should promptly prepare a report to reach the Bureau not later than 45 days from the date of receipt of this letter. Atlanta, as office of origin, need not incorporate in its report information developed by the New York Office inasmuch as New York will be submitting reports concerning the New York chapter and any ramifications developed concerning the national organization. New York should include in its report, under appropriate topical heading, all information developed relating to the New York chapter and, where appropriate, include a separate section concerning any references to the activities of the national organization. Atlanta will report all information concerning the organization which it develops within its territory using appropriate headings.

- 2 - New York (100-149184)
- 2 - New Orleans
- 1 - Mobile
- 1 - Savannah (100-5027)
- 1 - 100-3-106 (COMINFIL Mass Organizations)

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Letter to Atlanta

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
100-438794

All offices are cautioned that any information developed concerning the SCLC relating to racial matters must be reported under the racial matters caption. It should be noted that the Bureau maintains a separate file on SCLC relating to racial incidents (157-632). All investigation under the caption of this letter must be limited to and directed toward determining the extent of communist infiltration of the SCLC.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Review of correspondence received at the Bureau under various captions relating to the activities of SCLC and its leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., indicated the CP has been attempting to exert influence on King and through him the SCLC. New York and Atlanta were instructed to make a complete review of all information concerning this matter and to furnish the Bureau recommendations concerning a communist infiltration investigation. ReNYlet recommended a COMINFIL investigation of the New York chapter due to the dominant CP influence on the executives of the New York chapter of the SCLC. ReATlet also recommended a COMINFIL investigation of SCLC due to the fact that four CP members are presently associated with SCLC and that at least one of these members is an officer of SCLC and close to King. (S)(u)

It is believed a communist infiltration investigation is warranted. See memo Baumgardner to Sullivan, same caption, dated October 22, 1962. RJR:cdb. (u)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-3080)

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 22, 1962

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FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

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Correspondence received from the Atlanta and New York Offices relating to the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has indicated the Communist Party (CP) has been attempting to exert influence on Dr. Martin Luther King, the southern integrationist leader and through him the SCLC. Dr. King is the President of SCLC which is actively engaged in the integration movement in the South. Stanley David Levison, a secret member of the CP, and Hunter Pitts O'Dell, a member of the National Committee of the CP, are influential with Dr. King. Both have been identified in the past as officers of SCLC.

The New York and Atlanta Offices were instructed to make a complete review of all available information concerning CP interest in the SCLC and to furnish the Bureau recommendations concerning a communist infiltration investigation of this organization. Both offices have recommended a communist infiltration investigation of SCLC due to the dominant CP influence on the executives of the New York Chapter of SCLC and the fact that four CP members are presently associated with SCLC and that at least one of these members is an officer in the organization.

It is believed a communist infiltration investigation of SCLC is warranted to determine the CP influence in that organization.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Atlanta with copies to pertinent field offices authorizing a communist infiltration investigation of SCLC be approved. The field is being cautioned that this investigation must be limited to and directed toward determining the extent of communist infiltration of the SCLC and any information developed concerning the integration of racial activities of SCLC must be reported under the racial matters caption.

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Attached are copies of newspaper articles which report the Communist Party affiliation of Hunter Pitts O'Dell and his subsequent resignation from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The articles appeared in the "Long Island Star-Journal," a daily newspaper published in the New York City area, dated 10/26/62, and 11/2/62 respectively.

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Special Report

Communist Resigns From Rev. King's Group

(Star-Journal Bureau)

WASHINGTON — The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., said today that Jack H. O'Dell — who was identified as a Communist in a story in The Star-Journal Oct. 26 — has resigned as an official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

In a prepared statement from Atlanta, Dr. King denied knowledge of any previous Communist activities of O'Dell. King said that O'Dell was never

director of SCLC nor was ever considered for the position.

The bureau story, from a highly authoritative source, said that O'Dell operates as a concealed member of the national committee of the Communist Party; that he had been until recently regional consultant to the SCLC staff, that he recently had been made acting director.

KING, president of SCLC
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since its inception in 1957, said: "While Mr. O'Dell advises us that he rejects the implication of the charges made against him, in order to avoid embarrassment to the SCLC, he has tendered his resignation.

"We have accepted it pending further inquiry and qualification."

King said further that O'Dell "has functioned purely as a technician, with 90 per cent of his work taking place in the North, where he resides, and involving the mechanization of our mailing procedures. He was briefly and temporarily filling in some areas of voter registration but ceased functioning there long before this publicity appeared."

SCLC HAS a policy, King said, "that no person of known Communist affiliation can serve on the staff, executive board or its membership at large." He said SCLC is making an "exacting and fair inquiry" into the matter.

The Oct. 26 story said that from his birth in Detroit in 1923 until as late as 1958, O'Dell was known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell.

It reported that, under that name, he was expelled from the National Maritime Union in 1950 for distributing pro-Soviet literature attacking the U. S. government, that he had invoked the Fifth Amendment in 1956 and again in 1958 in appearances before congressional committees that sought to question him about his Communist activities.

Robert Morris, counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, said in 1958 that O'Dell was a district organizer for the Communist Party in New Orleans. At that time hundreds of documents seized at O'Dell's residence, it was said, clearly established his key position in the Communist movement in the South.

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Special Report

A Communist Has Infiltrated Martin Luther King's Top Ranks

(Star-Journal Bureau)
WASHINGTON -- A Communist has infiltrated to the top administrative post in the Rev. Martin Luther King's southern Christian leadership conference.

He is Jack H. O'Dell, acting executive director of conference activities in southeastern states including Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. From his birth in Detroit in 1923 until as late as 1958 he was known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell. This Mr. O'Dell, by whatever name, operates as a concealed member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, according to a highly authoritative source.

Until a few weeks ago, O'Dell was the regional consultant to the conference staff, which has headquarters in Atlanta. He became acting director recently. Main functions of the staff are to set up voter registration schools, "work shops," for promotion of civil rights activities, and public meetings.

AFTER ATTENDING Xavier University, New Orleans, La., O'Dell sailed for several years as a sailor in the merchant marine. In July, 1950, however, he was expelled from the National Maritime Union at Galveston, Texas. The union took exception to his circulation of pro-Soviet peace petitions attacking the government of the

United States.

On April 12, 1956, identifying himself as Hunter Pitts O'Dell, a New Orleans waiter, he testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to say whether he was a southern district organizer for the Communist Party.

Robert Morris, counsel for the subcommittee, said information had been received that O'Dell was, in fact, a district organizer for the Communist Party in New Orleans; that O'Dell gave "directives to the professional group" in that city, and that he operated under three different

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names -- the two other names being John Vesey and Ben Jones.

IT WAS LEARNED that hundreds of documents seized at O'Dell's residence, 2319 Louisiana avenue, by New Orleans police clearly established his key position in the Communist movement in the south.

On July 30, 1958, identifying himself as Hunter Pitts O'Dell, a Montgomery, Ala., insurance man, he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in an Atlanta hearing. An Associated Press story reported that O'Dell "tried unsuccessfully to turn the hearing into a discussion of mistreatment of Negroes in the South."

O'Dell invoked the First and Fifth Amendments and declined to answer committee questions about his Communist activities.

In recent years, it was learned, O'Dell has tried to remain in the background in carrying out his Communist Party assignments.

OFFICERS of the Southern Christian leadership conference are the Rev. Dr. King, president; the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, formerly of Birmingham, Ala., secretary; and the Rev. Ralph Abernethy, formerly of Montgomery, Ala., treasurer.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

332 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

November 1962

Dear Friend:

The long awaited alliance of moderate whites and Negroes in the south has begun to crystallize, within the burgeoning Negro drive for the ballot.

In the still largely intolerant climate of the south, the white and Negro community-of-interest could grow only in partial concealment. The oldest democratic institution in America, the secret ballot, has become the secret weapon. Separately and individually, yet in unity, Negro and moderate whites have been voting changed conditions into existence.

In Georgia this fall in the election for Governor, a rabid segregationist confronted a white moderate. The segregationist campaigned not so much against his opponent, as against me, in a torrent of racist hysteria. Yet almost fifty percent of the white vote was cast against him; and in a de-facto electoral alliance, they were joined by 90% of the Negro vote. The segregationist was overwhelmingly defeated, and Georgia will have a Chief Executive who is pledged to preserve law and order even if discriminatory practices must be abandoned. This successful experience follows similar victories in the Mayoralty-election in Atlanta, and the recent Congressional contest in Fulton County, Georgia.

Climaxing these developments, three Negro citizens are candidates for the Georgia State Senate. The election of at least one seems assured. This will be the first Negro elected to the Georgia Senate in nearly 100 years.

We, in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, have long insisted that moving the Negro people into active non-violent protest would evolve a higher political stage when the movement directed itself toward the ballot. As Negro citizens accumulate electoral power, white moderate elements wisely take such strength into account, and adjust their policies so that common action becomes practical.

We are on the threshold of a major breakthrough in democratic advancement. Fissures are widening the solid walls of segregation even as violence and terror are mainly resorted to in Mississippi. The recent burning of churches, which has been the scene of Voter Registration meetings in rural Southwest Georgia, symbolizes the fact that the growing Negro vote is the strongest organized movement for the establishment and defense of Civil Liberties as well as Civil Rights in the south.

In addition to the southwide Voter Registration work, S.C.L.C. conducts adult citizenship-education programs attacking illiteracy at the community level; grants scholarship aid to students pioneering in the desegregation of schools of higher learning in the "hard core" states; and organizes non-violent direct action projects to end segregation in public places of accommodation, open up better job opportunities, etc.

Our thin resources have been strained to the limit to sustain this advance. It would be tragic if our progress is slowed or halted for lack of finances to educate and assemble larger legions in this crusade for the ballot and freedom.

You can make an historic contribution in giving support. Please send your check to help the march of progress through the breach we have opened. A democratic future for the south is a luminous prospect.

With sincerest good wishes,

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Cordially,

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Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
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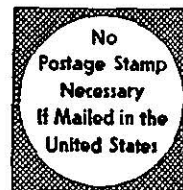
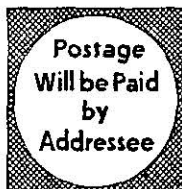
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Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting conversation between "LOTTIE" KUNTSLER and STANLEY LEVISON on 11/14/62, with respect to a story in a New Orleans newspaper to the effect that HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had resigned from the SCLC.

Sources utilized in this memorandum are:

1. NY 3580-S*
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- 1 - New York (100-146994) (WILLIAM KUNTSLER)
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 14, 1962, that on that date, Stanley Levison had a discussion with "Lottie" Kuntsler, wife of New York Attorney William Kuntsler. *(S) U*

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A second source advised in August, 1962, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), and contributes funds to the Party on a regular basis. *(S) U*

Mrs. Kuntsler stated that she had heard that there was a story in a New Orleans, Louisiana, newspaper to the effect that Jack O'Dell (Hunter Pitts O'Dell) had resigned from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an organization which is headed by Martin Luther King. *(S) U*

The second source also advised in July, 1962, that Hunter Pitts O'Dell was considered by the CPUSA as a member of its National Committee. *(S) U*

Levison advised Mrs. Kuntsler that Jack O'Dell has denied any active participation in the CP and offered to resign from the SCLC in order to avoid any embarrassment to the organization. Levison stated that he believes that Martin Luther King and the SCLC are holding the resignation in abeyance because they first wanted a conference with the paper carrying *(S) U*

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Re: Martin Luther King

the story that O'Dell had been active in the CP. According to Levison, the Attorney for the SCLC happens to be in New Orleans at the present time and intends to contact the newspaper regarding the story. (S) u

Mrs. Kuntsler expressed concern over the fact that the O'Dell story could affect attendance at an affair that is being held in Westchester County, New York, on December 11, 1962. She stated that this affair, which will feature Sammy Davis, Jr., and Peter Lawford, is getting help from the SCLC. She stated that many people would not attend the affair if they felt there was any connection between the SCLC and the CP. She stated that if the American Legion became aware of the situation, it could have an adverse effect on the attendance at the affair. She asked that Levison discuss the situation with Jack O'Dell and let her know. Levison assured her that he would. (S) u

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TO SACS, BIRMINGHAM
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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-632)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RM.

RE ATLANTA TEL DECEMBER FOUR, SIXTYTWO.

FOR INFORMATION OF MOBILE, ATLANTA HAS ADVISED

WYATT T. WALKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SCLC, ADVISED TODAY THAT SIX SCLC OFFICERS LED BY DR. MARTIN-L. KING, JR., PRESIDENT OF SCLC, WILL LEAVE ATLANTA AT TEN AM, DECEMBER FIVE, SIXTYTWO, ON A QUOTE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TOUR END QUOTE. THE ITINERARY IS THE FOLLOWING ALABAMA CITIES IN THE ORDER LISTED. ANNISTON, GADSDEN, BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, UNION TOWN, AND SELMA. THE TOUR WILL END IN SELMA ON DECEMBER EIGHT, SIXTYTWO. THE TOUR WILL MEET WITH AFFILIATES OF SCLC IN THE ABOVE CITIES TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR DESEGREGATION, WILL HOLD MASS MEETINGS AND ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT WORKERS IN THIS REGARD.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ~~PH~~

WYATT T. WALKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SCLC, ADVISED

TODAY THAT SIX SCLC OFFICERS LED BY DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR., PRES. OF SCLC, WILL LEAVE ATLANTA AT TEN AM, DEC. FIVE, SIXTYTWO, ON A QUOTE "PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TOUR"

QUOTE THE ITINERARY IS THE FOLLOWING ALABAMA CITIES IN THE ORDER LISTED. ANNISTON, GADSDEN, BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, UNION TOWN, AND SELMA. THE TOUR WILL END SELMA ON DEC. EIGHT, SIXTYTWO.

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EDWINA SMITH, SECRETARY TO WYATT T. WALKER, SCLC EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, ADVISED TODAY THE GROUP OF SCLC OFFICERS WILL BE
TRAVELING WITH DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR. ON THE "PEOPLE TO
PEOPLE" TOUR IN A LIGHT BLUE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE FORD
STATIONWAGON, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO GEORGIA TAG ONE A DASH
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (File 100-438794) DATE: 12-7-62.

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (File 100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL-

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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(OO: ATLANTA)

This case will be delinquent. RE: BULET 10-23-62.

Date of Bureau deadline: 12-8-62.

Reason for the delinquency: OTHER EXPEDITE MATTERS BEING

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Bureau letter to Atlanta, 10/23/62

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INFORMATION

A copy of this report is being furnished to New Orleans and New York because they have investigation in this matter.

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Will continue to follow the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference through sources to determine any additional Communist Party affiliation of SCLC.

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The sources contacted that were familiar with some activities of SCLC were as follows:

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[REDACTED]

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All the above are security sources of information who have requested their identity be concealed.

[REDACTED] who is familiar with some Communist and racial activities in the Atlanta area. (C) 4

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2? This report is classified confidential since data reported from [AT T-1] could result in identification of confidential informant of continuing value, the disclosure of which could be detrimental to the National defense. (C) 4

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12/17/82

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

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Field Office File #: AT 100-5718

Bureau File #: 100-438794

Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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ON 11-7-84

Synopsis:

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) headquarters located at 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Organization first formed in New Orleans in 1956, according to news article. It was formally launched in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1957 with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., named president. It incorporated in Georgia in June, 1958. SCLC self-described as not a membership group but a coordinator of affiliate groups in the Civil Rights field. HUNTER PITTS O'DELL; under the name J. H. O'Dell, listed on SCLC folder as the consultant on the voter registration field staff. News article, 11/2/62, stated O'DELL, a concealed member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, had recently been made acting director of SCLC. O'DELL reportedly resigned and KING said resignation accepted pending further inquiry.

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ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) BY: [Signature]
DATE: 6-11-80

AT 100-5718

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

This investigation was instituted upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

This investigation has been instituted solely to determine the extent of Communist Party infiltration of SCLC and does not involve investigation of the legitimate activities of the organization.

HEADQUARTERS

An undated folder titled "Crusade for the Ballot" published by SCLC which is available to the public was obtained on July 20, 1962, by SA [REDACTED] This folder lists the headquarters address of SCLC as 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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CHARACTERIZATION

A news item in the Pittsburgh Courier, August 17, 1957, page 2, titled "New Rights Group Launches in Dixie," reported that SCLC was officially launched at Montgomery, Alabama, at a mass meeting attended by over 2,000 persons. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was named as president. The article stated that registration lists compiled at this mass meeting showed persons from 12 states and the District of Columbia came in answer to the call of SCLC which had been formed the year before in New Orleans.

Purpose of the conference, according to this news item, was to organize a southwide register-and-vote campaign among Negroes. A national office was to be set up in Atlanta, Georgia, to coordinate the programs of the conference.

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The article said that funds for the new organization would come from church contributions, trade unions, and foundations.

On June 14, 1962, records of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, Georgia, were reviewed and disclosed the following:

SCLC was incorporated on June 5, 1958, by order of ATLANTA, GA Judge LUTHER ALVERSON, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial District. It was indicated that the organization was incorporated as non-profit. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., 193 Boulevard, N. W., Atlanta 12, Georgia, SAMUEL WILLIAMS, 863 1/2 Fair Street, S. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, and R. JULIAN SMITH, 192 Ashby Street, S. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, petitioned for incorporation to the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

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The Secretary of State records showed a certified statement for annual registration dated August 23, 1961, which showed the SCLC President to be Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 208 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. This statement described the nature of SCLC business as civic, religious, economic, and cultural.

An undated folder captioned "This Is SCLC" was published by SCLC and was obtained on July 20, 1962, by SA [REDACTED] This folder states that SCLC is not a "membership organization per se." b6 b7C
Affiliate groups and organizations constitute the actual membership. Individuals belong to the affiliates which are groups such as churches, civic organizations, and fraternal groups. The minimum affiliate fee is \$25 per annum entitling the group represented to one voting delegate in all deliberative sessions.

An affiliate may have as many as five voting delegates for a \$125 fee but regardless of the amount given five is the maximum number of delegates allowed.

The folder further indicates that making an execution of basic policy is the responsibility of the Executive Board, geographically representative over the entire south. Of the 33 board members, 24 are elected by the conference and nine by the board.

The folder states that SCLC is a nonsectarian agency which has the basic aim of achieving full citizenship, equality, and the integration of the Negro into all aspects of American life through the means of direct nonviolent action. SCLC is a service agency to facilitate coordinated action of local community groups. SCLC, according to this folder, regards civil disobedience as a natural consequence of nonviolence when the resistor is confronted by unjust and immoral laws. An unjust law is described as one in which the minority is compelled to observe a code which is not binding on the majority. The non-violent resistor willingly accepts the penalty for breaking the unjust law.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

The above mentioned folder captioned "This Is SCLC" lists the following principal officers:

President - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Atlanta, Georgia

208 AUBURN AVENUE, N.E.

Secretary - F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH
Cincinnati, Ohio

Treasurer - RALPH D. ABERNATHY
Atlanta, Georgia

Executive Director - WYATT TEE WALKER
Atlanta, Georgia

SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS

The above mentioned folder titled "Crusade for the Ballot" sets forth a list of officers. J. H. O'DELL, which is one of HUNTER PITTS O'DELL's aliases, is listed as a consultant on the voter registration field staff.

[redacted] at the Waluhaje Apartment Hotel, 239 West Lake Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised on September 25, 1962, that J. H. O'DELL registers in and out regularly from New York City and represents himself as being with SCLC. She said that he has represented himself in this capacity as late as September, 1962.

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A SCLC newsletter dated February, 1962, has an article on page three captioned "Citizenship Training at Dorchester, Georgia." This article describes JACK O'DELL (another alias of HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) as a voter registration expert of the SCLC New York Office. This article further indicates that JACK O'DELL had worked with a group at the Dorchester Community Center, McIntosh County, Georgia, from January 15 to 20, 1962, structuring a plan for Albany. This article stated that O'DELL at this SCLC citizenship training session attended by 35 persons from four states spoke on the importance of organization for voter registration. He emphasized that enthusiasm was not enough to get the job done but that plans down to the last detail must be well thought out and carefully executed. The article described O'DELL's work as a most useful contribution both in his speech and in his informal discussions with individual participants.

AT T-1 advised in July, 1962, that HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee. (S) (S) (u)

The Long Island Star Journal carries an article in the November 2, 1962, edition captioned "Communist Resigns from Rev. King's Group." This article was datelined Washington and stated that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., said that JACK H. O'DELL who was identified as a Communist in a story in the Star Journal on October 26, 1962, had resigned as an official of SCLC. KING denied knowledge of any previous Communist activities of O'DELL and said that O'DELL was never a director of SCLC. KING said that O'DELL rejected the implication of the charges made against him but in order to avoid embarrassment to SCLC he had tendered his resignation.

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KING was quoted as saying, "We have accepted it pending further inquiry and qualification."

According to the article, KING said that SCLC has a policy that no person of Communist affiliation can serve on the staff, executive board, or its membership at large.

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SOURCES

On October 8, 1962, sources familiar with some activities of SCLC in the Atlanta, Georgia, area through their work in the desegregation field were contacted and they advised they had no information regarding any Communist infiltration of SCLC.

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100-5718

Atlanta, Georgia
December 7, 1962

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Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Reference	Report of Special Agent dated December 7, 1962, at Atlanta, Georgia.

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DATE 7/15/85

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Information has been received by the FBI that STANLEY LEVISON and HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, described as a secret member of the Communist Party and as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, respectively, have been active in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). (u)

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Date: 12/10/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-632)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

RE: RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF ALABAMA
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Atlanta teletypes to the Bureau and Birmingham dated 12/4/62 and 12/5/62 captioned SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RACIAL MATTERS.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum and two copies to Birmingham and two copies to Mobile for information.

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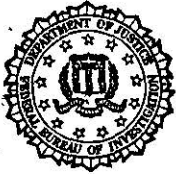
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Atlanta, Georgia

December 10, 1962

RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF ALABAMA

WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), advised on December 4, 1962, that six SCLC officers led by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., President of SCLC, would leave Atlanta at 10:00 a.m. on December 5, 1962, on a "People to People Tour." The itinerary was to be the following Alabama cities in the order listed: Anniston, Gadsden, Birmingham, Montgomery, Uniontown, and Selma. WALKER said the tour would end in Selma on December 8, 1962.

WALKER advised that the tour would meet with affiliate organizations of SCLC in the above cities in order to discuss plans for desegregation of those communities. He said that they would lead mass meetings and attempt to recruit workers in this regard.

On December 5, 1962, EDWINA SMITH, Secretary to WALKER, advised that the group of SCLC officers would be traveling in a light blue 1963 Ford station wagon with 1962 Georgia tag 1A-23512. She stated that they would leave Atlanta on U. S. Highway 78 to go to the first stop which would be Anniston, Alabama. She was not aware of the routes to be used for the rest of the tour.

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Fort McPherson, Georgia, was advised of the above on December 5, b7C
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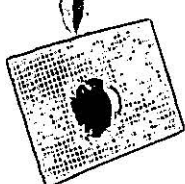
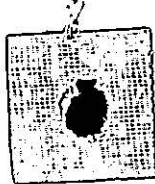
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FROM SAC\$ MOBILE /157-192/ 0-1 to NO 12-20-62
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] SOG, INSTANT
DATE REGARDING POSSIBLE KLAN ACTIVITY AT SELMA, ALABAMA DURING
MEETING ADDRESSED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING. .

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COVERAGE THROUGH INFORMANTS AND SOURCES REVEAL KING AND
GROUP ARRIVED SELMA ONE TWENTYFIVE P M TODAY, HAD LUNCH AT
ZALKER-S CAFE AND PROCEEDED TO CLINTON CHAPEL A M E CHURCH,
SELMA, WHERE KING ADDRESSED ESTIMATED GROUP OF TWO HUNDRED
NEGROES.

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KING AND GROUP DEPARTED APPARENTLY ENROUTE MONTGOMERY
VIA CAR FOUR FIFTEEN P M. NO COMMOTION OR VIOLENCE NOTED IN
CONNECTION WITH SELMA MEETING AND NO GROUPS OF WHITE PEOPLE
OBSERVED AT ANY TIME DURING PRESENCE OF KING IN SELMA.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans

(Your file)

DATE: December 20, 1962

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial-~~100-438794-14~~)
(Room No. ~~817 RB~~)SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
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- ☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

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☒ 2. Date ☐ report ☒ will be submitted

ReBulet to Atlanta 10/23/62.

- ☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-115)(C)

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Transmitted herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above-captioned matter.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished locally to CIC, ONI, and OSI.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Birmingham 3, Alabama
December 13, 1962

Re: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

J. Lawrence Peek, Chief of Police, Anniston, Alabama, advised on December 5, 1962, that on the previous day four Negro men, not natives of Anniston, were observed surveying eating facilities at various five and ten cent stores in Anniston. Peek said that later the same day the same group of four men went to all-Negro Calhoun County Training School at Hobson City, Alabama, and asked for volunteers to participate in sit-in demonstrations in Anniston. Peek said they secured six volunteers from the students. He stated that Hobson City is an all-Negro town, having a Negro mayor and chief of police, and its city limits join the city limits of Anniston. Chief Peek said that this same group of four Negro men attended a luncheon at Carver Center, Anniston, on December 4, 1962, as part of a group of about twenty-five Negroes gathered from Anniston, Talladega, and Gadsden. He said the purpose of this meeting was to raise funds for furtherance of integration activities, but the meeting was unsuccessful in raising funds.

Peek said that he expected Dr. Martin Luther King, well-known integration leader and head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a pro-integration organization, and party to arrive in Anniston at about noon on December 5, where they would attend a reception at the home of Dr. Gordon Rogers, a Negro dentist of Anniston, and then have a luncheon at the Stewart Hotel and depart for Gadsden, Alabama at approximately 2:00 p.m., where Dr. King was to address a mass meeting. Chief Peek said that he anticipated no violence and had carefully instructed his officers to see that there was no violence. ACA

Chief Peek said that he and Police Commissioner Jack Suggs had talked with Kenneth L. Adams, leader of DIXIE

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Re: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
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the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Anniston, and he had given his word to take no action while Martin Luther King was in Anniston.

At 2:30 p.m. on December 5, 1962, [redacted]
[redacted] Anniston Police Department, advised
that at approximately 2:15 p.m. Dr. King and his group
departed from Anniston en route to Gadsden, Alabama. [redacted]
said no incidents of violence occurred during the entire
time King was in the Anniston area.

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On December 5, 1962, Acting Chief of Police
J. H. Snyder, Gadsden, Alabama, advised as follows:

Reverend Martin Luther King, President of the
Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a meeting
at the St. John's Methodist Church, Avenue C and Ninth
Street, Gadsden, on the night of December 5, 1962. He
said this meeting was attended by approximately 800 people
and began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 11:30 p.m. He said
there was no incident connected with this meeting and that
Rev. King departed from Gadsden at 7:30 a.m., December 6,
1962, by private automobile in the direction of Anniston,
Alabama, on Highway Number 431.

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DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Confidential Sources advised it was announced at a meeting of Klavern #1, U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on September 17, 1957, that some former leaders of Klavern #1 and their close associates had been banished from U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., during the preceding week.

Sources advised those individuals who were banished formed a new klan organization known as DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., with headquarters in Masonic Hall, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee. A general welfare charter was secured from the State of Tennessee on October 21, 1957, which charter lists some of the purposes of the organization as freedom of speech and association, rejection of forced integration, preservation of the Constitution of the United States and of Tennessee, and preservation of the sovereignty of each state.

On May 13, 1959, Source stated that the DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., has active klaverns in Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. This informant advised attempts were made to organize klaverns of this organization in Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina, but the attempts at organization in these states have not been successful.

A Confidential Source advised during the Fall of 1960 that a "den" of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, INC., Chattanooga, consisting of ten members and two alternates, including JACK WILLIAM BROWN, Imperial Wizard (National President) of DK, KKKK, INC.; JACK LEON BROWN, Exalted Cyclops of Klavern #1, Chattanooga, (the local chapter president) and others, all listed as members of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, INC., Chattanooga, during July, August and September, 1960, were reportedly responsible for five bombings of residences of Hamilton County, Tennessee, during July and August, 1960. Some of these members and alternates of den held closed meetings and discussed bombings and other acts of violence.

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These acts and meetings were reportedly closed and rank and file members of this organization were unaware of such. All reported members and alternates of den interviewed during another investigation, denied knowledge of bombings or acts of violence, denied knowledge of "den" of DK, KKKK, INC.

Sources have reported JACK WILLIAM BROWN continually discusses commission of acts of violence, encourages such acts in relationship to integration and boasts of having committed acts of violence. Information as to the "den", listed above, and acts of violence boasted by BROWN have been unconfirmed.

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NY 3810-S* advised on 12/7/62, that on that date, CLARENCE JONES, who is the acting executive director of the Ghandi Society for Human Rights, contacted STANLEY LEVISON at LEVISON's apartment in NYC. (S) J

JONES and LEVISON discussed the advance ticket sale of the affair to be held in Westchester, NY on December 11, 1962, that will benefit the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). LEVISON and JONES expressed disappointment in the advance sale, stating they will make a profit (for SCLC), but not as much a profit as they had anticipated. (S) J

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JONES stated that he had spoken to JACK (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) that day (12/7/62) and JACK mentioned working as a volunteer. LEVISON then stated that "they (SCLC) accepted his (O'DELL's) resignation and he received severance pay for a number of weeks and then off the payroll for around 30 days, and then they will reconsider and probably rehire him so it is entirely consistent with the statement issued." (By the SCLC). (9) J

JONES also mentioned that JACK had talked about going down there (Atlanta) around the middle of December and talk with MARTIN (LUTHER KING). (9) J

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CHARACTER OF CASE: APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 11/9/78

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✓ The pretext phone call to the SCLC, 312 West 125th Street, NYC, on 4/27/61, was made by SA [redacted] using the pretext of a person interested in contributing money to the Martin Luther King Committee.

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✓ The pretext phone call to the office of the SCLC on 10/27/61, was made by SA [redacted] who stated he was seeking information concerning the SCLC and its planned activity in the NYC area.

✓ SAS [redacted] and [redacted] observed O'DELL enter 312 West 125th Street, NYC, on 10/27/61.

✓ The pretext phone call on 1/26/62, to the SCLC, was made by SA [redacted] using the pretext of a person interested in the SCLC.

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✓ The pretext phone call on 10/24/62 to the SCLC office was made by SA [redacted]. The pretext used was that of a person having personal business with O'DELL.

✓ The pretext phone call on 7/14/58 to the office of "In Friendship" was made by SA [redacted]. The pretext used was that of a social studies student seeking research information.

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Photographic surveillance
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Used to characterize JACK
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Photographs of original CP
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Synopsis:

National office of SCLC is located at 330 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. NY office of SCLC is located at 312 West 125th Street, NYC. Officers of SCLC, Atlanta, are Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, President, and WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Director. Officers of SCLC, NY, are MARTIN LUTHER KING, President, BAYARD RUSTIN, Assistant Secretary, and STANLEY LEVISON, Assistant Treasurer. TED BASSETT, self-avowed Communist, on 11-19-60, at meeting in NYC called by National CP Negro Commission, stated that CP was in process of placing members of CP in key positions in the SCLC. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, at a meeting of National Negro Commission, CP USA, in NYC, on 6/22/62, stated that the KING movement is the movement Negroes have rallied around and we support this movement. MARTIN LUTHER KING described as confirmed Marxist. Committees affiliated or associated with SCLC set forth. (S) X (u)

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DETAILS

PREDICATION

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and result of this infiltration. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

ADDRESSES

National Office

A brochure of the SCLC states that the address of the SCLC is 330 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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May 15, 1962 } (4)

New York Office

The current New York Telephone Company directory for Manhattan, New York City, lists the address of the SCLC as 312 West 125th Street, New York City.

By suitable pretext, a Special Agent (SA) of the FBI, on April 27, 1961, determined that the SCLC, 312 West 125th Street, New York City, is the New York office of the SCLC.

PURPOSES

The "New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, dated September 26, 1962, Page 23, contained an article entitled, "Dr. King Says Integration at Alabama University is Next." This article discussed the SCLC. It states, "The conference functions chiefly as an advisor to other integration fighters, but has one

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function it handles on a large basis itself. That is Negro voter registration. ...the conference has started what it calls the 'crusade for the ballot'".

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

National Office

A brochure of the SCLC lists the officers of the SCLC as:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, President
WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Director

[NY T-1
May 15, 1962] X(u)

New York Office



[NY T-2
March 10, 1961] X(u) 1

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CP PROGRAM TO INFILTRATE THE SCLC



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[NY T-3
November 22, 1960] (S)(u)

"The Worker" is an east coast
communist newspaper.



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~~The King movement is the movement Negroes
have rallied around and we support this movement.~~ (S)(u)

[NY T-4
June 26, 1962] (S)(u)

The State Board, CP of Illinois, also
known as the Coordinating Committee, is the
highest governing body of the Illinois CP.
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is a member of this Board. (S)(u)

[NY T-5
January 8, 1962] (S)(u)

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"The Worker," December 20, 1959, reported that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, at a meeting of the National Committee, on December 14, 1959, was elected Vice-Chairman of the CP USA.

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✓ On July 27, 1962, a warrant was issued for the arrest of ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS by the United States Commissioner, Western District of North Carolina, charging that WILLIAMS on or about August 28, 1961, at Monroe, North Carolina, did move or travel in interstate commerce with intent to avoid prosecution under the laws of North Carolina for the crime of kidnapping.

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✓ JOHN HERMAN WILLIAMS, 329 Holbrook, Detroit, Michigan, advised SA [REDACTED] on May 21, 1962, that his brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS was in Cuba.

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✓ A documentation of the Nation of Islam is contained in the Appendix to this report.

RESULTS OF THE CP INFILTRATION PROGRAM

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MARTIN LUTHER KING,
President, SCLC

MARTIN LUTHER KING has been described as a confirmed Marxist. ~~(S)~~(u)

[NY T-6

February 12, 1962] ~~(S)~~(u)

N.Y.
HOSEA HUDSON

The CP is sending an experienced organizer to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who will assist the MARTIN LUTHER KING group there in its fight for political equality for ~~(S)~~

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Negroes. This organizer is HOSEA HUDSON. He will work there in association with SARGEANT CAULFIELD. (S)

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[NY T-6
May 1, 1962
May 2, 1962] (u)

At the 17th National Convention of the CP USA, held in New York City on December 10 - 13, 1959, HOSEA HUDSON was defeated for re-election to the National Committee, CP USA. (S)

[NY T-7
December 14, 1959] (u)

SARGEANT CAULFIELD is the leader of the CP in the Baton Rouge-Lettsworth, Louisiana area.

[NY T-8
July 3, 1962] (u)

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL,
Administrator, New York office,
SCLC

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was considered by the CP USA to be a member of its National Committee. (S) (u)

[NY T-6
July 23, 1962] (u)

On June 5, 1961, the SCLC held a mass rally at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 120th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. JACK O'DELL, who was present, assisted in the collection of funds.

[NY T-9
June 12, 1961] (u)

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On October 27, 1961, by suitable pretext, an SA of the FBI determined that JACK O'DELL is in charge of the New York office of the SCLC, with the title of Administrator.

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On October 27, 1961, SAS of the FBI observed HUNTER PITTS O'DELL enter the building at 312 West 125th Street, New York City.

On January 26, 1962, by suitable pretext, an SA of the FBI determined that O'DELL is in charge of the SCLC office in New York City.

By suitable pretext, an SA of the FBI on October 24, 1962, determined that O'DELL was not at the SCLC office. An unidentified person stated that O'DELL was in Atlanta, was spending most of his time there, and was not often in New York City.

STANLEY D. LEVISON,
Assistant Treasurer,
New York City office, SCLC

~~Secret~~
STANLEY LEVISON is a secret member of the CP USA and a regular contributor of funds to the CP USA. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~

NY T-6

February, 1962 ~~(S)~~ (u)

STANLEY D. LEVISON signed the following checks on behalf of the SCLC, 312 West 125th Street, New York City: ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
December 19, 1961	397	J. O'DELL	\$251.90
December 19, 1961	399	J. O'DELL	150.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
May 22, 1962	--	J. O'DELL	\$375.00

[NY T-1
February 11, 1962
July 3, 1962]

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BAYARD RUSTIN,
Assistant Secretary,
New York office, SCLC

The 16th National Convention of the CP USA was held in New York City on February 9 - 12, 1957. [BAYARD RUSTIN attended some of the convention sessions as a guest]

[NY T-7
February 12, 1957]

HAZEL GRAY

As of July 6, 1961, HAZEL GRAY was working at the SCLC, 312 West 125th Street, New York City.

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July 11, 1961]



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[NY T-10
July 8, 1961]

AFFILIATED AND ASSOCIATED
COMMITTEES

The current New York Telephone Company street address directory for Manhattan lists the following subscribers as having the telephone number UN 6-2000 at the address 312 West 125th Street, New York City:

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Committee to Defend Martin Luther King
In Friendship
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

The Post Office Box number 378, Manhattanville Post Office, 365 West 125th Street, New York City, was rented by THOMAS KAHN, 648 West 160th Street, New York City, on October 21, 1960. The box is held in the name of the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr., as principal holder, and also in the names of "In Friendship" and the "Southern Christian Leadership Conference."

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Manhattanville Post Office

THOMAS KAHN stated on January 13, 1961, that he was a member of the Young Socialist League (YSL) from 1955 to 1957.

[NY T-11, another government agency January 23, 1961] (S)(u)

A characterization of the YSL is contained in the Appendix of this report.

In Friendship

A pamphlet entitled, "In Friendship" set forth that "In Friendship" was organized for the purpose of providing economic aid to those who suffer reprisals and persecution as a result of their efforts to secure their constitutional rights. The pamphlet further stated that, "This committee will limit itself to programs of economic aid and will not attempt to duplicate the legal, legislative and other phases of civil rights which are now being carried on by other appropriate organizations." (S) 4

[NY T-1 November 4, 1956] (S)(u)

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January 31, 1957] ~~XX~~

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On July 14, 1958, by suitable pretext, an SA of the FBI determined that the office of "In Friendship" was not open on a regular basis.

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December 6, 1962] ~~XX~~

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Committee to Defend Martin Luther King
and the Struggle for Freedom in the South

The records of the Charities Registration Bureau of the New York State Department of Social Welfare, 61 State Street, Albany, New York, were furnished to SA [redacted]

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by [redacted] on May 11, 1961. These records showed that the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Struggle for Freedom in the South, 312 West 125th Street, New York City, was established on March 7, 1960. The purpose of the organization was set forth to be the support of the movement for desegregation in the South through various forms of public education and financial contributions. The object of fund raising was to underwrite the expenses of specified ministers; the dissemination of educational materials through various media, the providing of financial aid to students and to aid and assist the SCLC.

The officers were listed as:

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH,
217 West 125th Street,
New York City N.Y.

Chairman

Reverend GARDNER C. TAYLOR,
833 Marcy Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York

Chairman

HOPE STEVENS,
310 Lenox Avenue,
New York City N.Y.

Board Chairman

Reverend THOMAS KILGORE, JR.,
144 West 131st Street,
New York City N.Y.

Chairman,
Religious Commission

HARRY BELAFONTE
300 West End Avenue,
New York City N.Y.

Chairman,
Cultural Commission

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~~SIDNEY POITIER,~~
55 West 55th Street,
New York City N.Y.

Chairman,
Cultural Commission

BAYARD RUSTIN,
203 West 107th Street,
New York City

Executive Director

STANLEY D. LEVISON,
255 West 106th Street,
New York City

Assistant Executive
Director

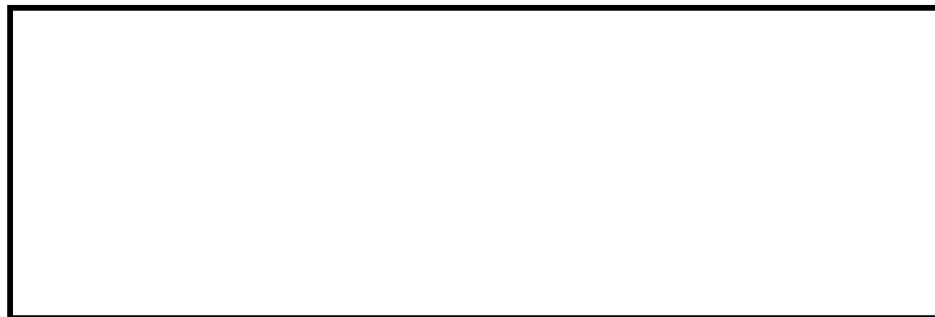
Reverend GARDNER C. TAYLOR

"The Daily Worker," dated January 20, 1953, Page 2, reported that a two-day conference of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) would be held on January 30 and 31, 1953. The Reverend GARDNER C. TAYLOR, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, was listed as a sponsor of the conference.

"The Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

A characterization of the ECLC appears in the Appendix to this report.

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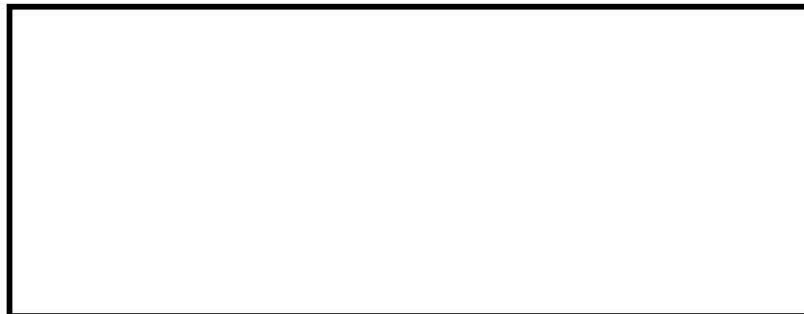
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On June 12, 1946, HOPE STEVENS
attended a meeting of the Harlem Section
of the CP held on June 12, 1946, at the
Harlem YMCA, 135th Street, New York City. ~~(u)~~

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June 12, 1946] ~~(u)~~

Reverend THOMAS KILGORE, JR.

On August 6, 1954, [redacted]
[redacted] 53 West 125th Street, New York City,
made available to SAS [redacted]
and [redacted] abandoned records of the
Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress
(CRC), a former tenant at that address.
Among these records was a letter dated
March 1, 1951, wherein the Harlem Civil
Rights Congress thanked Reverend KILGORE,
Friendship Baptist Church, 144 West 131st
Street, New York, New York, for his speech
at a street meeting sponsored by the CRC.

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The CRC has been designated pursuant
to Executive Order 10450.

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HARRY BELAFONTE

HARRY BELAFONTE is sympathetic to Communism. (u)

[NY T-15
November, 1960] (u)

JEAN SMITH, a secretary at CP headquarters, stated that before BELAFONTE became prominent, he had been a member of the Young Communist League (YCL). (u)

[NY T-6
October 28, 1958] (u)

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The SCLC is headed by Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and has its headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. When a branch of that organization was formed in New York City, it was going to be called the Northern Branch of the SCLC. Since that name would have been confusing, the branch in New York adopted the name "New York Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Student Struggle in the South." The branch on Long Island was named the "Long Island Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Student Struggle in the South." However, these are all part and parcel of the SCLC.

JACK O'DELL was working in the New York office of the "New York Committee" at 312 West 125th Street, New York City, about March or April, 1960. He was a speaker at a fund-raising affair of the "Long Island Committee" in March or April, 1960, in Roosevelt, Long Island. He helped run the rally held by the "New York Committee" at an armory in Harlem on May 17, 1960. The "New York Committee" is now using the name SCLC because there is no longer any need to defend MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The "Long Island Committee" has not had any meetings since the end of January, 1961.

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JACK WALTER is still Co-Chairman of the "Long Island Committee." MARTHA WALTER is still a member of the Steering Committee of the "Long Island Committee." (X) N.Y.

[NY T-16
March 21, 1961] (X)

A city-wide CP meeting sponsored by the New York State CP was held in Room 9D, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on the evening of August 19, 1959. (X)

[NY T-17
August 21, 1959] (X)

A photograph of an individual, unknown to the source, is that of a person who entered Room 9D, Adelphi Hall, on the evening of August 19, 1959.

[NY T-18
August 19, 1959] (X)

On February 9, 1960, [redacted]

[redacted] identified the above photograph of the unknown person as being identical to JACK WALTER, 65 Lakeside Drive, Rockville Center, New York. (X)

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MARTHA WALTER on August 26, 1946, signed a CP nominating petition for ROBERT THOMPSON for Governor of New York State. (X)

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1947] (X)

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ROBERT THOMPSON was elected as National Executive Secretary of the CP USA. at a meeting [redacted] (S)

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May 14, 1962 (S) (X) (C)

At a meeting of the New York District CP Board, held [redacted] ROBERT THOMPSON was approved as District Organizer of the New York District CP. (C)

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A press release, dated April 19, 1960, was issued by the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King and the Struggle for Freedom in the South, 312 West 125th Street, New York, New York. This release publicized a musical and dramatic performance to be held May 17, 1960, in New York City, for the benefit of the above organization. The release stated, "For further information, call J. Hunter O'Dell, UN 6-1700."

[NY T-20
May 24, 1960] (X)

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL's most recent employment was with the "Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr.," 312 West 125th Street, where he was employed during the quarterly periods ending March and June, 1960.

[NY T-21
January 24, 1961] (X)

On April 27, 1961, an SA of the FBI, by suitable pretext, determined that JACK O'DELL is employed at the SCLC, 312 West 125th Street, New York City. O'DELL advised that his office is the New York office of the SCLC. O'DELL stated that the "Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr."

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was organized as an "ad hoc" committee to assist in KING's defense when he was subject to court action, but, when the reason for this committee was removed, the committee was formally dissolved. The same group of individuals who comprised this committee formed the "Committee to Aid the Southern Freedom Struggle" which is located at 312 West 125th Street, New York City. O'DELL stated that it would make no difference whether a person contributed to the "Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr." or to the SCLC or to the "Committee to Aid the Southern Freedom Struggle" since they are all one and the same.

COMMITTEE TO AID THE SOUTHERN
FREEDOM STRUGGLE (CASFS)

The records of the Charities Registration Bureau, New York State Department of Social Welfare, Albany, New York, as furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted] on May 11, 1961, revealed:

The CASFS was established on November 1, 1960, in New York City. The general purpose was stated to be the giving of support to the movement for constitutional and civil rights in the South through educational, legal and financial means. The Carnegie Hall Tribute to Martin Luther King was designated as the name of the organization under which funds would be solicited.

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The officers were listed as follows:

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, 2588 Seventh Avenue, New York City	Co-Chairman
Reverend GARDNER C. TAYLOR, 833 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York	Co-Chairman
Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, Atlanta, Georgia	Co-Chairman

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HARRY BELAFONTE,
300 West End Avenue,
New York City

Co-Chairman

Reverend THOMAS KILGORE, JR.,
144 West 131st Street,
New York City

Executive Director

STANLEY D. LEVISON,
100-11 67th Road,
Forest Hills, New York

Assistant Director

On March 10, 1961, [REDACTED]
Comptroller's Office, New York City, Bureau of Excise Taxes,
120 West 32nd Street, made available to SA [REDACTED]
an application to obtain exemption from payment of the New
York City amusement tax. This application, dated January
23, 1961, was filed on behalf of the CASFS, 312 West 125th
Street, New York City, for a concert to be given at Carnegie
Hall on January 27, 1961. It was signed by STANLEY D.
LEVISON. The application stated that applicant is a non-
profit educational committee which employs no professional
fund raisers and that neither its officers nor its executive
directors are paid salaries or expenses. The purposes of
the committee were set forth on the application as "To
provide funds for the SCLC to be used for establishment
of constitutional rights in the South utilizing voting
registration drives, educational meetings, church and
synagogue conferences, sit-in techniques, legal actions,
etc." The activities of the applicant are listed as
mail solicitations, benefits, meetings, educational
conferences, church collections. The source and dis-
position of income was stated as "All income less expenses
is transmitted to the SCLC or directly paid out to sources
indicated by the SCLC. Dr. Martin Luther King is President
of the SCLC."

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The CASFS produced "A Tribute to Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr." at Carnegie Hall in New York City on
January 27, 1961. The souvenir journal listed "Mr. Jack
O'Dell, Administrative Assistant" as one of those whose

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loyal support and selfless efforts made the affair a success.

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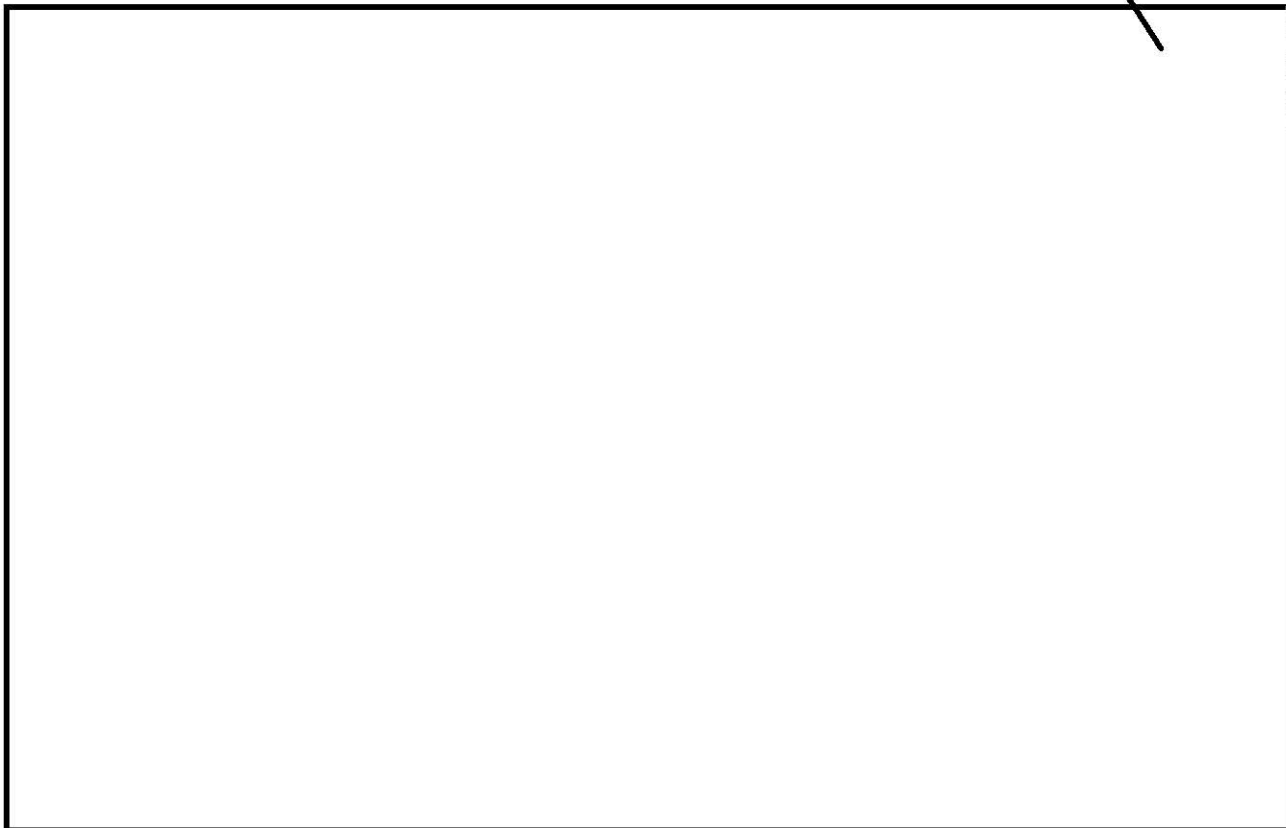
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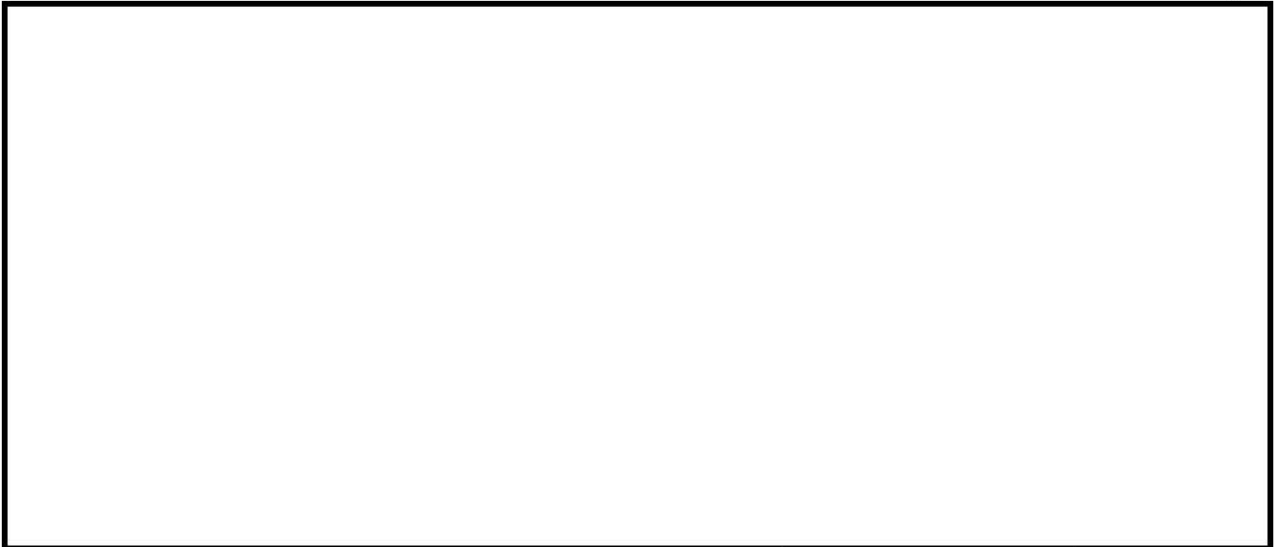
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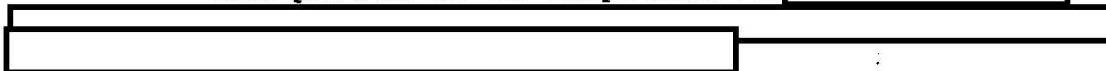
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The person to be subpoenaed is [redacted]



On February 8, 1961, [redacted] Carnegie Hall Corporation, 57th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that STANLEY D. LEVISON, 6 East 39th Street, New York City, made the arrangements for the affair held for MARTIN LUTHER KING on January 27, 1961, at Carnegie Hall. [redacted] stated also that a man named O'DELL was in charge of tickets for the affair. He stated that O'DELL's phone number was UN 6-2000.

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On April 27, 1961, [redacted] identified a photograph of HUNTER PITTS O'DELL as being identical with the O'DELL who was in charge of tickets for the affair held on January 27, 1961.

NEW YORK FRIENDS OF THE SCLC

On February 22, 1962, a rally was sponsored by the New York Friends of the SCLC to honor Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING at the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, New York

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City. ROSE REITER acted as Chairwoman. The program gave the address of the New York Friends of the SCLC as 312 West 125th Street, New York City.

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February 28, 1962] (u)

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[NY T-25

February 13, 1962] (u)

On November 17, 1961, a meeting of the Harlem Region Committee of the New York CP was held at 35 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City. LEO LUBIN reported that during the past spring, the Lower 13th Assembly District (AD) CP Club had held a party to raise money for the "Freedom Riders." All those who attended this party were requested to sign a guest book. Two weeks prior to November 17, 1961, those who signed the book were invited to attend a meeting at his, LUBIN's, residence. At this meeting, a committee was organized and was named the New York Friends of the SCLC. This is MARTIN LUTHER KING's group. The guest speaker at this meeting was JACK O'DELL, who is the New York representative of MARTIN LUTHER KING and who has an office at 316 West 125th Street, New York City. The New York Friends of the SCLC is not a CP group. However, a few comrades are involved in it. This group will have a loose affiliation with the SCLC, but will not be restricted to working only with the SCLC. (u)

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A meeting of the Harlem Region Committee of the New York CP was held on November 17, 1961, at 35 North Washington Avenue, New York City. There was a discussion regarding the formation of a group known as the New York Friends of the SCLC. (u)

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November 22, 1961]

The New York Friends of the SCLC is a new organization inspired by PAULIE ROBESON and BILL EPTON and encouraged by the Harlem Region of the CP. However, the New York Friends of the SCLC will not have any CP people in the forefront. The apparent leaders of this organization will be people from labor, civic, church and fraternal organizations in the Harlem area. (u)

[NY T-27
December 29, 1961
January 30, 1962]

PAULIE ROBESON, JR. who attended the December 7, 1961 meeting of the Manhattan Coordinating Committee of the CP, has resigned from every office he held in the Party and is now just a rank and file club member. (u)

BILL EPTON

WILLIAM EPTON is a member of the 13th AD Club of the Harlem Region CP.

[NY T-27
January 12, 1962]

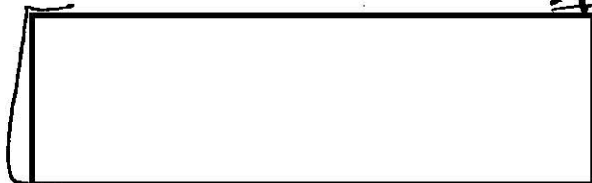
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On January 24, 1962, the Harlem CP Region Committee held a meeting at the home of LEO LUBIN, 884 West End Avenue, New York City. LUBIN announced that PAUL ROBESON, JR. was in charge of ticket sales for the affair sponsored by the New York Friends of the SCLC which is to be held on February 22, 1962, at the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, 146 West 137th Street, New York City. (S)(u)



On February 9, 1962, a meeting of the 11th AD Club of the Harlem Region CP was held at 141 West 111th Street, New York City. At this meeting, there was a discussion regarding the sale of tickets for the meeting sponsored by the New York Friends of the SCLC to be held on February 22, 1962. (S)(u)

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February 13, 1962] (S)(u)

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On February 23, 1962, the Harlem 11th AD CP Club held a meeting at the home of BILL STANLEY. STANLEY gave a report on the Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING affair held on February 22, 1962. STANLEY stated that LEO LUBIN is the Treasurer and ROSE REITER is the Vice-Chairman of the New York Friends of the SCLC. (S)(u)



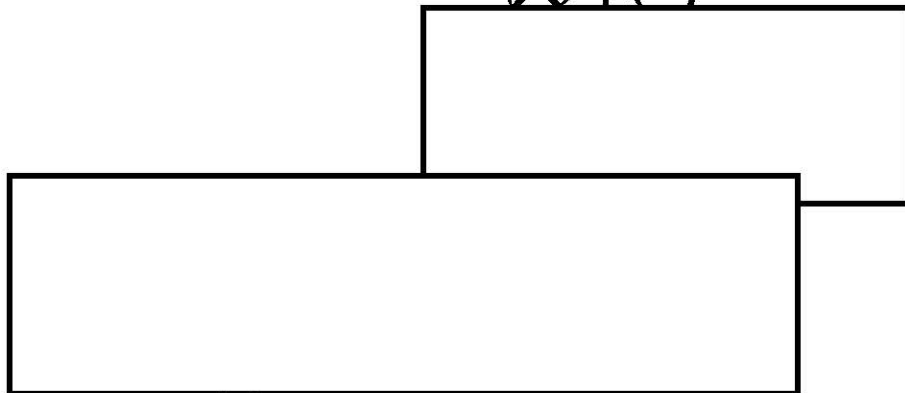
The New York Friends of the SCLC was formed by CP members because they said that the national CP leadership was not doing anything in Harlem on civil - (S)(u)

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rights. The organization was formed at the home of ROSE REITER. Some of those who helped form this organization are PAUL ROBESON, JR., LEO LUBIN, BILL STANLEY, BILL EPTON, ROSE REITER and her husband. (X) (u)



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October 4, 1961 (X) (u)



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February 13, 1962 (X) (u)

The New York Friends of the SCLC held a concert on February 22, 1962, in tribute to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING at the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church. Approximately 700 to 800 people attended. PAUL ROBESON, JR. stated that the affair was well liked by the audience and that at a future date another affair of this kind might be attempted. (C) 4

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WESTCHESTER SALUTE TO
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On September 7, 1962, Sheriff JACK HOY, Westchester County, New York, advised the New York Office of the FBI that an application had been received by Westchester County for a permit for MARTIN LUTHER KING to appear at the Westchester County Center, White Plains, New York, on December 11, 1962. One of the signers of this request on behalf of the SCLC was JACK O'DELL, Suite 402, 125 North Main Street, Portchester, New York.

On November 5, 1962, STANLEY LEVISON discussed the printing arrangements for the "Westchester Salute to Martin Luther King." LEVISON stated that invoices should be sent to "Westchester Salute to Martin Luther King" care of STANLEY LEVISON. ~~SECRET~~ u

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November 5, 1962] JH u)

The "New York Times," dated November 21, 1962, Page 23, contains an advertisement, entitled, "Westchester Salute to Martin Luther King, Jr." concerning an affair to be held on December 11, 1962, at the Westchester County Center, White Plains, the proceeds to benefit the SCLC.

The "New York Times," dated December 5, 1962, Page 58, contains an advertisement for the above affair to be held December 11, 1962, at the Westchester County Center. The ad stated that mail order tickets could be obtained from Suite 402, 125 North Main Street, Portchester.

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

- "1. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1954, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.'

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECLC also have been identified under oath as Communists.

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(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.)

'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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NATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 2, 1962, a second source advised: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD'S organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD'S teaching and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1962, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

A confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. SITEMAN, "Chairman of SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee," had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce," a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL." He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes.

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL,

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The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League."

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.

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Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent Patrick J. Stokes, dated and captioned as
above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose
identities are concealed in referenced communication have
furnished reliable information in the past.

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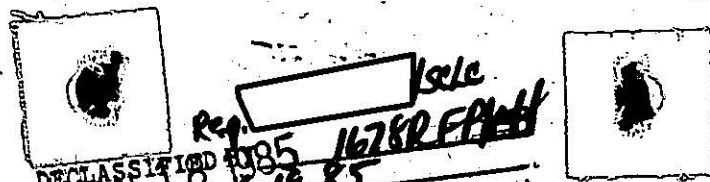
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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Rereps of SA [redacted] 12/14/62 at [redacted]
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Review of referenced reports clearly indicates that, although the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is headquartered in Atlanta and the bulk of its legitimate activities are centered in the South, the main subversive influences and activities are taking place in New York City. Further, the New York Office provides the major coverage of the subversive individuals who are working in SCLC. In view of this, the Bureau is hereby designating New York as the office of origin in this investigation and future reports and investigations should be handled accordingly.

Prior to the dissemination of referenced reports, the following questions raised by the Bureau should be resolved:

The details of the Atlanta report begin with a statement concerning Stanley Levison and Hunter Pitts O'Dell as a predication for this investigation. No sources for this information are shown; however, it is noted that later on in the report (page 5), AT T-1 characterizes O'Dell. The report does not contain a source for the characterization of Levison. This is incorrect reporting procedure and, additionally, the information may have a bearing upon the classification of the report. New York should advise whether this description of Levison as a secret member of the Communist Party (the source is obviously NY 694-S*) as contained in Atlanta's report will permit the classification to remain "Confidential." Atlanta should furnish appropriate sources for the information appearing in the first paragraph of the details for insertion in its report. On page 2 and page 5 of Atlanta's report, information is taken from the "Pittsburgh Courier" and the "Long Island Star Journal." These newspapers were not characterized and

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Atlanta is cautioned that future reports should properly characterize publications used as sources of information. ~~(X)~~

In both reports, references are made to Hunter Pitts O'Dell and his aliases, Jack O'Dell and J. H. O'Dell, without either report clearly showing through an appropriate source that these latter names are aliases of Hunter Pitts O'Dell. The Atlanta report makes an arbitrary statement that J. H. O'Dell and Jack O'Dell are aliases of Hunter Pitts O'Dell without showing a source for this information. The reader can make an assumption in reading both reports that Hunter Pitts O'Dell has several aliases; however, it would have been correct report writing procedure to have had a source make the proper distinctions. Future reports should take this into consideration.

On page 6* of Atlanta report, reference is made in the last paragraph to sources familiar with activities of the SCLC without giving a geographical location for their coverage. This could mislead the reader to believe that the sources cover a wider range of activities than actually exists. Atlanta should furnish appropriate phraseology to insert on page 6* to show the limitations of the coverage which would place this statement in its proper context.

On page 3 of the New York report, the officers of the New York Office of the SCLC are listed as of 3/10/61. No indication is included that a later attempt was made to determine the current officers. This should be done before submitting the next report and appropriate investigation should be conducted to insure that an up-to-date list of officers is obtained.

The synopsis of the New York report contains the following statement:

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Letter to New York
RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Atlanta provided 6 copies of its report for the Bureau; however, only 5 copies are necessary in this type of case.

The foregoing instructions and information should be the subject of discussion with responsible personnel and, where appropriate, form errors should be scored against those responsible. New York and Atlanta should furnish the Bureau the necessary corrective information by return mail inasmuch as the Bureau is withholding dissemination pending the receipt of this information.

- 3 - ~~100-438794~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 12/31/62

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FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16849) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
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OO: ATLANTA

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DATE 11/9/77

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ON 3-11-85

ReBulet to Atlanta, dated October 23, 1962.

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[redacted] (protect identity) was contacted on November 16, 1962, and advised that there has been no branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) established in the New Orleans territory and has not heard of any plans to establish a chapter of the SCLC in the New Orleans territory. This informant was re-contacted on December 27, 1962, and advised that he has not received any information concerning the possible formation of a chapter of the SCLC in New Orleans. (X)(u)

[redacted] and [redacted] (protect identity) previously advised that during the latter part of [redacted]

In view of the fact that no chapter of the SCLC has been established in the New Orleans area, and according to reliable informants there are no plans to establish a chapter, no further investigation is being conducted by the New Orleans Office concerning this matter, and it is being considered RUC.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5718) (RM)
- 51 - New Orleans

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 1/7/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)

DATE: 6-11-85 1618 RFP/PA

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Reg. D. Garrod/SCC

ReBulet 12/27/62 regarding reports of SA [redacted] 12/7/62 at Atlanta and of [redacted] 12/14/62 at New York.

Atlanta report dated 12/7/62 by SA [redacted] should be classified "Secret". The information regarding STANLEY LEVISON furnished by NY 694-S* is closely held information known only to four persons in the top echelon of the CP USA. The only informants able to provide this information are CG 5824-S* and NY 694-S*. Due to the sensitive positions held by these informants the NYO feels that this information should be classified "Secret".

The Bureau is requested to change the synopsis

The Bureau is requested to change the details on page 4, paragraph 1 as follows:

- Line 4: Change October to November
- Line 5: Delete who
- Line 6: Insert "and" after "The Worker"

NYO copies corrected as above.

The above changes refer to New York re [redacted] dated 12/14/62.

- 1 - Bureau (100-438794)(RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5718)(RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-149194)(#41)

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SLIP(S) BY [redacted] DATE 6-11-85

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memo

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/10/63

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-192)(P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
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On 1/4/63 Lt. [redacted] Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., advised that on behalf of his department he subscribes to the "National Guardian" and to "The Worker" in a fictitious name and address, [redacted]

He stated that very recently he received at [redacted] that box literature from captioned organization, specifically bearing the return address "From the Study of Martin Luther King, Jr., 332 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Ga.", and containing a business reply mail envelope addressed to "REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., S.C.L.C., 332 AUBURN AVENUE, NE., ATLANTA, GA." The address on both articles, the "NATIONAL GUARDIAN" and on the literature from KING, is as follows:

[redacted]
MONTGOMERY 7 ALA."

[redacted] furnished a photostat of this address, appearing to have been placed on each item by an addressograph plate. He stated that it appeared to him that the same addressograph plate printed both addresses, and that therefore it appeared to him that the facilities of the "NATIONAL GUARDIAN" were used to distribute literature of captioned organization.

NEW YORK is requested to advise Mobile and Atlanta whether or not this same information has been developed.

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2 - Atlanta (RM)
2 - New York (RM) (Enc. 3)
1 - Mobile
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through a similar source by that office. If not, it may be that only those NG subscribers in the south are being circularized by SCLC, and it may be indicated that Atlanta or Mobile should subscribe to the NG to develop original specimens of these addresses.

(Lt. [redacted] although normally very cooperative with the Bureau, appeared reluctant to furnish the originals for laboratory examination. The reason is no doubt that his superiors would prefer, for political reasons, that if [redacted] testifies in a state proceeding in the future against the SCLC, that there be no complicating matters affecting the chain of evidence, and that the articles remain in his custody without interruption. Lt. [redacted] has not said so, but it appears highly possible that the state of Ala. will proceed in some manner against the SCLC, such as getting an injunction against their operating in the State of Ala., in the future. [redacted] revealed that he is investigating the aspect of Communist influence in the SCLC, and has developed evidence that HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, Aka. J. H. O'DELL, JACK O'DELL, who can be identified as a CP leader from public source material, respected himself publicly in Atlanta, Ga., as an officer of the SCLC. [redacted] indicated that this was done by the manner of O'DELL's registering at a hotel or motel in Atlanta. This same information was developed by the Bureau.)

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For possible assistance of NYO, the photostats furnished by Lt. [redacted] are enclosed to NY, one copy of address on "National Guardian", and two copies of address on literature from SCLC.

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Via AIRTEL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
SM-C
(OO: Atlanta)

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NY 3810-S* advised on 1/4/63, that on the morning of that date, CLARENCE JONES, Executive Director of the Ghandi Society of Human Rights, contacted STANLEY LEVISON at LEVISON's apartment in NYC. *u*

JONES informed LEVISON that he just got a message from Atlanta "from MARTIN" (LUTHER KING): JONES said that *u*

- 6-Bureau (100-106670) (RM)
 - (1-100-358916) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)
 - (1-100-392452) (STANLEY LEVISON)
 - (1-100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 5-Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)
 - (2-100-6078) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)
 - (1-100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 4-Savannah (RM)
 - (1-100-) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)
 - (1-100-) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 1-New York (100-91330) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) (414)
- 1-New York (100-149194) (SCLC) (41)
- 1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY D. LEVISON) (414)
- 1-New York (100-136585)

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MARTIN would like "the both of us" to come down to Dorchester (Ga.) on the 10th and the 11th because "they're going to be having a closeted review of where they are - a critical review." LEVISON commented that it sounded fine to him and he would probably go down on Wednesday (1/9/63) via Delta Airlines. JONES said he has a meeting in NYC, Wednesday evening so that he could not get a flight before 11:30 p.m. or later. JONES and LEVISON agreed to talk later regarding their plans for the trip. ~~(S)~~ u

NY 3810-S* further advised on 1/6/63, that on the evening of that date, JONES again contacted LEVISON regarding their trip to Georgia later in the week. JONES stated that JACK (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) had called him long distance from Atlanta and that JACK was going to see JONES tonight after returning from Atlanta. JONES commented that JACK was long overdue in returning to New York. LEVISON stated that JACK should be in "this discussion." JONES agreed and stated it was JACK's own idea to return to NY. JONES and LEVISON plan to take a 7:00 a.m. flight together on Thursday, 1/10/63, from Atlanta to Savannah. LEVISON plans to fly to Atlanta Wednesday evening and spend the night in a hotel. JONES expects to get into Atlanta at "some ghastly hour." ~~(S)~~ u

Atlanta determine dates and purpose of O'DELL's presence in Atlanta. Atlanta and Savannah, through established sources, should follow LEVISON's activities while in your area. ~~(S)~~ u

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Date: 1/10/63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

BAUMGARDNER

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P*)

COMINFIL OF SCLC *Southern Christian Leadership Conference*
IS-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Bureau letter to New York, 12/27/62.

After a review of both the New York and Atlanta reports in captioned matter, it is believed the predication in the Atlanta report should be changed. Atlanta is changing its copies so the first paragraph under details will read as follows:

This investigation was instituted upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

This will eliminate the necessity of characterizing STANLEY LEVISON in the Atlanta report. He has not been active in Atlanta and it is appropriate that the New York report be the only one to carry this characterization. This will also eliminate the necessity for changing the classification of the Atlanta report to "Secret."

On page 6 of Atlanta report the last paragraph is being changed to read:

On October 8, 1962, sources familiar with some activities of SCLC in the Atlanta, Georgia, area through their work in the desegregation field were contacted and advised they had no information regarding any Communist infiltration of SCLC.

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ENCLOSURE

Amended pages are enclosed herewith for New York and the Bureau.

3-Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
2-New York (Enc. 2) (RM)
2-Atlanta

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Special Agent in Charge
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Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358916)
SAC, NEW YORK (100-91330)
SAC, SAVANNAH (100-5021)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6078) (P)

RE: HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, Aka.
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(OO: New York)

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Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 1/7/63 captioned
"MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM-C," New York teletype to Atlanta and
Savannah dated 1/10/63 (Interoffice) and Savannah teletypes to
Atlanta and New York dated 1/10/63 and 1/11/63 (Interoffice).

On 12/27/62, [redacted]

[redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, telephonically
advised SA [redacted] that she had been reading in the
newspapers that the subject was a Communist, and the fact that
Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., had released the subject
when he found him to be connected with the Communist Party.

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[redacted] stated that the subject had registered into the
Waluhage at 12:10 p.m. on 12/27/62 and represented himself to be
with Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), New York
Office.

On 1/4/63 [redacted]

[redacted] Atlanta, Georgia [redacted]
source of information cover. per request) advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that an Anti-Defamation League representative approached
a representative of the SCLC at a recent Nashville, Tennessee,

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(1- ~~100-106670~~) (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
(1- ~~100-392452~~) (Stanley Levison)
(1- ~~100-438794~~) (Cominfil SCLC)

5- New York (2- 100-91330) *RM*
(1- 100-149194) (SCLC)
(1- 100-136585) (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
(1- 100-111180) (Stanley Levison)

3- Savannah (2- 100-5021) *RM*
(1- 100-) (Cominfil SCLC)

6- Atlanta (2- 100-6078)
(1- 100-5586) (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
(1- 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1- 100-6352) (Stanley Levison)
(1- 100-) (Wyatt T. Walker)

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conference held in the latter part of December, 1962. [redacted] stated that the reason for this approach was to determine O'DELL's status with SCLC. The ADL representative understood based on this contact that O'DELL continues to be involved with SCLC in New York City in a fund raising capacity although he is not currently on the SCLC payroll.

[redacted] also stated that he understands WYATT T. WALKER's job as Executive Director of SCLC is in jeopardy. b7D [redacted] said he does not know the reason why WALKER is about to lose his job and stated that this was just rumor. [redacted] said another rumor that was going around was that WALKER's secretary, EDWINA SMITH and O'DELL are engaged to be married.

On January 7, 1963, [redacted] the Waluhaje Apartments, advised SA [redacted] that records show that O'DELL checked in on December 27, 1962, and checked out at 1:40 a.m. on January 7, 1963. [redacted] stated that O'DELL requested that his bill be charged to SCLC. b6 b7C b7D Because of the publicity that O'DELL had been fired from SCLC, [redacted] requested that he get confirmation to have the bill charged from the SCLC Office in Atlanta. [redacted] said EDWINA SMITH, who identified herself as a Secretary at SCLC confirmed telephonically that the bill would be paid by SCLC.

On January 14, 1963, [redacted] the Waluhaje, advised SA [redacted] that her records show CLARENCE B. JONES and J. H. O'DELL registered into Room 219 on January 10, 1963. JONES registered in at 3:40 a.m. and J. H. O'DELL registered at 12:50 a.m. [redacted] said that her records show both JONES and O'DELL are representatives of the SCLC New York Office. [redacted] advised they both checked out at the same time, 6:10 p.m. b6 b7C b7D on January 10, 1963.

She stated that the records further disclosed that on January 12, 1963, at 8:50 p.m., J. H. O'DELL registered into Room 211. The records disclose O'DELL's address as 312 West 125th Street and again represented himself as being with the New York Office of SCLC. On January 14, 1963, O'DELL checked out at 2:51 p.m.

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On January 10, 1963, [redacted] Delta Airlines, Atlanta Municipal Airport, advised SPC [redacted] telephonically that the following individuals were leaving Atlanta at 7:10 a.m. on January 10, 1963, on Delta Airlines Flight 427 for Savannah:

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R. D. ABERNATHY
D. COTTON
J. LAWSON
J. LOWERY
C. JONES
M. KING
J. O'DELL
F. SHUTTLESWORTH
W. WALKER
A. YOUNG

All of the above individuals are undoubtedly identical with officers of the SCLC and are known to the Atlanta Office as RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Secretary-Treasurer; DOROTHY COTTON, Secretary to Educational Director; CLARENCE JONES, Head of the Gandy Society in New York City which is merely a branch of the SCLC; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., president of the SCLC; WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Director and ANDREW YOUNG a Congregational Minister who is acting in an official capacity with SCLC Headquarters in Atlanta. J. LAWSON, J. LOWERY and F. SHUTTLESWORTH are representatives of SCLC from outside the Atlanta Headquarters.

On January 11, 1963, [redacted] and [redacted] Anti-Defamation League, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA [redacted] that they had no knowledge of the Dorchester Meeting of SCLC.

On January 14, 1963, [redacted] [redacted] advised SA [redacted] he had no information regarding the Dorchester Meeting. [redacted] are all sources of information whose identity should be covered per their request. They are all familiar with some activities of SCLC in the racial field.

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Atlanta will continue efforts to obtain information regarding the Dorchester Meeting of SCLC and will continue efforts to determine O'DELL's activities and movements in Atlanta.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
(100-438794)

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-5056) (P)

SUBJECT : MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C

DATE: MAR 22 1963

On 3/11/63, [redacted] Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, Hunter Air Force Base, Georgia, made available the following described material which he claimed he had received from ROBERT B. SIKES, Sheriff, Liberty County, Georgia.

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On 3/19/63, Sheriff SIKES was contacted by SA [redacted] in regards to the material furnished [redacted] and SIKES requested that it be returned to him.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven (7) photographs, approximately 8 x 10" in size, taken at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee in September, 1957. One of these photographs reflects the subject sitting in a room with other people and next to AUBREY WILLIAMS and other identified individuals. Another photograph reflects that the subject is sitting in a vacant hall with an unidentified individual from Nyack, New York. It should be noted that the reverse sides of these photographs are stamped EDWIN "ED" FRIEND, 4888 Jet Road, N.W., Atlanta 5, Georgia.

- ④ - Bureau (100-106670)(100-438794) (Encs. 20) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (100-5718) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-136585) (100-149194) (RM)
- 2 - Savannah (100-5056) (100-5027)

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There is also enclosed a Citizenship Workbook of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which reflects on page 1 of this book, the subject and the SCLC Vice-President, Dr. C. O. SIMPKINS conferring with Attorney General KENNEDY on voting problems in the South; while on page two at the bottom, is reflected a group picture of a banquet held at the Dorchester Community Center, McIntosh, Georgia. A photograph of this center appears on page nine of this book.

The reverse side of the front cover of this workbook reflects the following officials of the SCIC:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
President

WYATT TEE WALKER
Executive Director

RALPH ABERNATHY
Treasurer

GOULD MAYNARD
Director, Public Relations

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mrs. SEPTIMA P. CLARK
Supervisor of
Teacher Training

Mrs. DOBOTHY F. COTTON
Educational Consultant

ANDREW J. YOUNG
Administrator

Mrs. BENITA PACKER
Secretary

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VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

J. H. O'DELL, Staff Consultant

HARRY BLAKE, Louisiana

HERBERT COULTON, Virginia

JAMES HEVEL, Mississippi

BERNARD LEE, Student Liaison

J. H. CALHOUN, Georgia

FRED BENNETTE, Georgia

There is also enclosed a publication published by the Georgia Commission on Education, 220 Agriculture Building, 19 Hunter Street, S. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, which contains information pertaining to the Highlander Folk School.

On the inside of this publication is a photograph of subject addressing the assemblage at the Highlander Folk School, as well as a similar photograph of KING sitting next to AUBREY WILLIAMS with a larger view showing ABNER W. BERRY in the foreground immediately ahead of the subject. The publication described ABNER W. BERRY as a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and a columnist for the Daily Worker.

There is also enclosed a SCLC Newsletter dated December 1962, which reflects on page 3, second column under caption of "SOUTHERN LAWYERS CONFERENCE SET FOR ATLANTA", that Atlanta will be the site of "A WORKSHOP SEMINAR for lawyers on CIVIL RIGHTS and NEGLIGENCE LAW," November 30th and December 1st. The seminar is said, according to the article, to be sponsored by the National Lawyer's Guild, and the National Bar Association in cooperation with SCLC.

SV. 100-5056

There is also enclosed a mimeographed two page memorandum setting forth the First, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments.

There is also enclosed, the following pieces of literature:

1. Citizenship School Report
2. First Night Routine
3. Selection of Teachers for Citizenship Schools (which is set forth later in this communication.)
4. Instructions for Workshop Participants while living at the Dorchester Community Center.
5. Responsibilities of Teachers and Supervisors
6. Class Programming
7. Suggestions For Teaching
8. Copy of an Expense Voucher of the SCLC
9. Citizenship Training Workshop Schedule, which is set forth as follows:

Workshops are held at the Dorchester Cooperative Community Center. To reach the Center from Savannah, Georgia by car take route # 17 to route # 82 at Midway, Georgia. Turn right at # 82, go two miles, and turn left onto the grounds.

Dorchester is two miles from Midway, Georgia, and nine miles from Hinesville, Georgia, on highway # 82.

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Bus tickets may be purchased directly to Dorchester Center. (Ask the driver to let you off at the Center). Tickets may also be purchased to McIntosh or Midway, Georgia. These buses also go directly pass the center.

PHONE: You may reach a staff person at Dorchester by calling Midway, Georgia: TULIP 4-2165 (The Director of the Center may be reached at TULIP 4-2163).

BECOME A TRAINED LEADER! JOIN THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN ITS EFFORTS TO LIVE OUR PEOPLE!

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., President WYATT TEE WALKER,
Director

DOROTHY F. COTTON SEPTIMA P. CLARK,
Educational Consultant Supervisor of
Teacher Training

ANDREW J. YOUNG
Administrator

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Contents of the mimeographed sheet pertaining to the Selection of Teachers for Citizenship Schools, (item #3 above), are set forth below:

Persons selected as teachers can be ministers, business men or women, teachers, beauticians, or college students by profession. If persons with the following qualifications cannot be found within a community, someone with these qualifications should be selected from a near-by area who can go in to teach classes.

The Teacher must be:

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1. A man or woman 21 years of age or more who has some high school education, or a college student;
2. A person who is able to read well aloud;
3. One who is able to write legibly on the blackboard.

The Teacher must know or be able to find out:

1. The location of the registration board;
2. Days and hours that the board is open for registration;
3. Who are the local officials that are elected to office;
4. Time of year for elections;
5. Health services available;
6. Location of the Social Security Office;
7. Location of the Welfare Department.

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During the interview with Sheriff SIKES on 3/19/63,
he advised that

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The Bureau is requested to copy any of the enclosed material that they may desire and return the material to Savannah so that it may be returned to Sheriff SIKES.

SV. 100-5056

The Bureau is also requested to advise if additional investigation should be made concerning this matter it being noted that the subject has attended the Highlander Folk School and has individuals of questionable security background such as SEPTIMA CLARK and HUNTER PITT O'DELL on his staff.

The Bureau is also requested to advise whether additional investigation should be conducted to determine the identity of the unidentified individual reflected in the photograph with the subject and if the Atlanta Office should contact [redacted] to ascertain whether or not he has additional material indicating association of the subject with individuals who are associated with front organizations or the Communist Party.

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UACB, Savannah will conduct investigation concerning [redacted] in an attempt to ascertain the identity [redacted]

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 10-13-58)

Date 4/25/63

To

☒ Director (100-438794) FILE # MO 157-192

Att. Room 817RB

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
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It will be noted Mobile letter dated 2/25/63 was directed to only Atlanta, office of origin, and Bureau did not receive copies. Attached is one copy of this letter.

✓ ENCLOSURE

SAC EDWIN R. TULLY

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Date April 23, 1963

RE:

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
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Reurlet 1/10/63 and your notation on form
0-1 "See mylet 2-25-63."

☐ For information ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal
all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____
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SAC, MOBILE (157-192)(RUC)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Re Mobile letter to Bureau, New York, and Atlanta
1/10/63.

Contact has been maintained with Lt. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Alabama Department of Public Safety. On
2/19/63 Lt. [REDACTED] advised that no additional information
pertaining to captioned matter had come to his attention.

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Mobile will continue to be alert and will in the
regular course of business develop from Lt. [REDACTED] any
information which he develops on this matter. However,
in the absence of any functioning chapter of SCLC in the
Mobile Division area, there appears no need to keep matter
pending.

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Miss Holmes.....
Miss Gandy.....

April 14, 1963

Selma, Alabama..

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I submit herewith below extract of an item appearing in the October 26, 1962 edition of the St Louis (Missouri) Globe-Democrat which I believe you should know about in view of the close friendship between the present incumbent in the White House and this negro preacher King who is now attempting to precipitate a race riot in Birmingham, Alabama.

Washington, D.C. - A Communist has infiltrated to the top administrative post in the Rev., Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He is Jack H. O'Dell, acting Director of Conference Activities in the southeastern states, including Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

From his birth in Detroit in 1923 until as late as 1958 he was known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell. This Mr. O'Dell, by whatever name operates as a concealed member of the National Committee of the Communist Party USA, according to a highly authoritative source. Until a few weeks ago, O'Dell was the regional consultant to the Conference staff of King which has headquarters in Atlanta. He became acting Director recently. Main functions of the staff are to set up voter registration schools, 'work shops' for promotion of civil rights activities and public meetings.

After attending school in New Orleans, La., O'Dell sailed for several years as a sailor in the Merchant Marine. In July 1950, however, he was expelled from the National Maritime Union at Galveston, Texas. The Union took exception to his circulation of pro-Soviet 'peace' petitions attacking the government of the United States.

On April 12, 1956, identifying himself as Hunter Pitts O'Dell, a New Orleans waiter, he testified before a Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee. He invoked the fifth amendment and refused to say whether he was a southern district organizer for the Communist Party.

Robert Morris, counsel for the subcommittee; said information had been received that O'Dell was in fact, a district organizer for the Communist Party in New Orleans; that O'Dell gave directives to the professional group in that city and that he operated under three different names - the other names being John Vesey and Ben Jones.

It was learned that documents seized at O'Dell's residence in New Orleans by police clearly established his key position in the Communist Movement in the South.

On July 30, 1958 identifying himself as Hunter Pitts O'Dell, a Montgomery, Alabama insurance man, he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Atlanta. An Associated Press dispatch reported that quote "O'Dell, tried unsuccessfully to turn the hearing into a discussion of mistreatment of negroes in the south."

O'Dell invoked the first and fifth amendments and declined to answer committee questions about his communist activities.

In recent years, it was learned, O'Dell has tried to remain in the background in carrying out his communist assignments.

Officers of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are: Rev. King, President; the Reverend F. L. Shuttlesworth, formerly of Birmingham, Alabama, Secretary; and the Reverend Ralph Abernethy, formerly of Montgomery, Alabama, treasurer. - thus ends the dispatch.

You very probably already have this information in your files however I just wanted to make SURE that the Justice Department knows the caliber of "Loyal" citizens they appear to be backing. What a pity that nepotism and an obvious policy of anything for a vote has given you your boss. I think Gore Vidal's article in "Esquire" sums him up nicely -

Respectfully yours,

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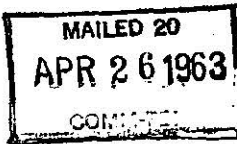


Mr. Hoover received your letter of April 14th and asked me to thank you for making this information available to him.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-NEW)(P)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RM

(OO: ATLANTA)

On 5/1/63, [redacted] Virginia State Police, Norfolk, Va., advised that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. was scheduled to be in Suffolk, Virginia the latter part of May or first part of June, 1963.

"The Ledger-Star", a Norfolk newspaper, 5/22/63, reported that Suffolk area Negroes had chosen Peanut Park as the site for the June 28, 1963 appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING. An alternate site in event of bad weather was named as the Booker T. Washington High School gymnasium.

On 5/17/63, Chief of Police L. B. BUTLER, Suffolk, advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING's visit to Suffolk in June, 1963 was in connection with King's attendance at a convention to be held in Newport News, Va.

On 5/27/63, [redacted] Golden Triangle Motor Hotel, Norfolk, advised that KING will stay at the Golden Triangle in Norfolk in June, 1963, when he is scheduled to speak in Suffolk.

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1 - 62-502; 1 - 157-14)
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Special Agent in Charge

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On 5/28/63 and 5/29/63, sources at Newport News, Va. advised they knew nothing concerning KING's coming to Newport News.

The above is furnished for information of the Bureau.

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AT ATLANTA, GA. (1) Will advise Norfolk of any details of the "convention" to be held in Newport News.

(2) Will advise Norfolk if Atlanta will have any sources attending reported convention.

NORFOLK

AT SUFFOLK, VA. (1) Will follow developments leading to appearance of KING in Suffolk.

(2) Will assure that Bureau is promptly advised of any anticipated violence in connection with KING's appearance.

AT NEWPORT NEWS, VA. (1) Will maintain contact with sources to determine details concerning reported "convention".

(2) Will keep Bureau advised of pertinent developments which might lead to any violence or disturbances.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

~~DATE:~~ 5/29/83

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)*

**SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
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(OO: NEW YORK)**

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five (5) copies of a letterhead memorandum re captioned matter.

Enclosed for New York is one copy of the letterhead memorandum with every copy of this letter designated for New York files for informational purposes. Also enclosed for New York are ten (10) copies of the FD 302 prepared to set forth the same information as in the letterhead memorandum to be utilized in the event it is needed for report purposes.,

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

AT T-1 is NY 694-S*
AT T-2 is
AT T-3 is
AT T-4 is
AT T-5 is
AT T-6 is NY 2314-S*

FILE WHERE LOCATED

previously been submitted. (c)

2-Bureau (Enc. 5)(RM)
6-New York (Enc. 16)(RM)
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(1 - 100-147332)(New York Friends of SCLC)
(1 - 100-) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL)
(1 - 100-) (STANLEY LEVISON)
(1 - 100-) (MARTIN L. KING, JR.)
7-Atlanta (2 - 100-5718)
(1 - 100-5586)(MARTIN L. KING, JR.) (1 - 157-169)(WYATT T. WALKER)
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The enclosed letterhead memo is classified secret because it contains information from AT T-1, a highly placed informant, the disclosure of which could compromise the informant.

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APPENDIX

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ~~SECRET~~

AT T-1 advised on February 12, 1962, that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., has been described as a confirmed Marxist. (u)

AT T-2 stated on August 28, 1958, that KING told BENJAMIN DAVIS how glad he was to see him back among his people to lead the fight. (u)

AT T-3 said on May 10, 1960, [redacted]

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"The Worker" issue of October 30, 1960, on page 1 identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as National Secretary of the Communist Party. (u)

[AT T-4 stated on September 7, 1961, that a testimonial was held in honor of HENRY WINSTON in the Skyline Ballroom of the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York, N. Y. T-4 said one of the speakers was MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (u)]

AT T-5 advised on August 14, 1961. [redacted]

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[AT T-6 stated on September 24, 1958, that STANLEY LEVISON is MARTIN LUTHER KING's "Assistant Chief." LEVISON has been described as a real estate man in New York City who spends half his time advising and helping KING. (u)]

STANLEY LEVISON

AT T-1 advised that in February, 1963, STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist PARTY, USA, and contributed funds to the Communist Party on a regular basis. (u)

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APPENDIX

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

AT T-1 stated in July, 1962, that O'DELL was considered by the Communist Party, USA, to be a member of the National Committee. (S)(u)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Atlanta, Georgia
May 29, 1963

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Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
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Reference Letterhead memorandum dated
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DATE 6-12-81

~~On May 10, 1963~~

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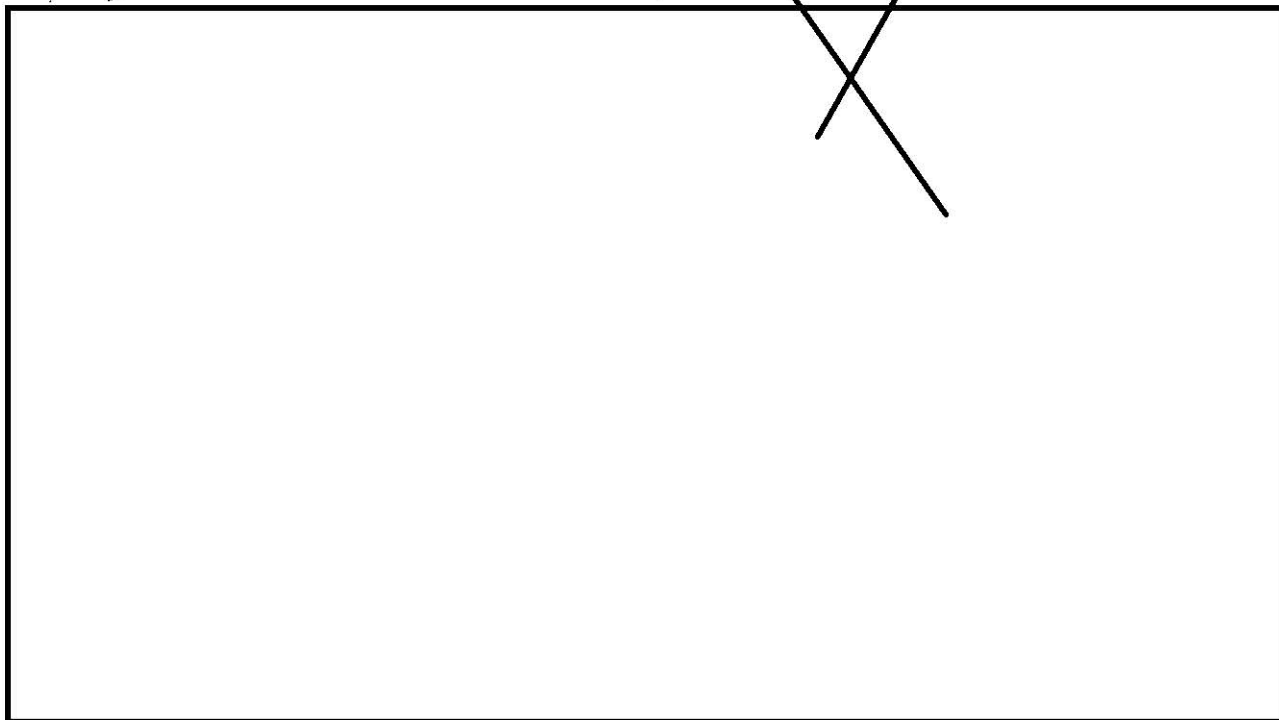
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Characterizations of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, and STANLEY LEVISON are included in the appendix to this memorandum.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (File 100-438794) DATE: 6-7-63

FROM : SAC, New York (File 100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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This case will be delinquent.

NY REPORT
Date of Bureau ~~deadline~~: JUNE 14, 1963Reason for the delinquency: Supplemental PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT
IN ANOTHER MATTERDate the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau: JULY 15, 1963AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
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Date: 6/25/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI and SAC, NORFOLK

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P*)

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RM
(OO: Atlanta)

Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau and Atlanta, 5/29/63.

[redacted] of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), stated on 6/24/63 that Rev. WYATT TEE WALKER and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Director and President of SCLC) plan to attend a meeting of civil rights organizations in Suffolk, Va., on 6/28/63.

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[redacted] advised there were no demonstrations planned. The meeting is to be held to raise money for local civil rights groups, and to organize for future efforts of desegregation in the area.

Rev. WYATT TEE WALKER has been contacted by the Atlanta Office as a Source of Information, however, is not completely cooperative. He will withhold information and is not always complete when future activities of his group are discussed.

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*Summary memo
6/26/63 "Racial Matters"
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-147)
 SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
 RM

(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau, 5/29/63.

The 6/23/63 issue of the "Suffolk News-Herald" reflects Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. will speak at Suffolk, Virginia, on Friday, 6/28/63, at 8:00 P.M. before a rally in Peanut Park as scheduled.

KING is expected to arrive in Norfolk the afternoon of 6/28/63, where he will be met by a delegation from Suffolk. KING will stay at the Golden Triangle Motor Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia, an integrated hotel, on the night of 6/28/63, and travel to Suffolk by car for the rally, which is expected to be attended by one to five thousand.

According to the news article, KING will be accompanied by Reverend WYATT T. WALKER, Administrative Assistant, formerly of Petersburg, Virginia; L. FRANCIS GRIFFIN, of Farmville, Virginia, Virginia State President of NAACP, and Reverend VIRGIL WOOD of Lynchburg, Virginia.

- ③ - Bureau (RM) (SPECIAL DELIVER.) (AM)
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 3 - Norfolk (157-147)
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Special Agent in Charge

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The local press has indicated in articles Reverend KING will urge Negroes in the area to press more actively for added civil rights gains and to take advantage of those gains already obtained.

Chief L. B. BUTLER, Suffolk Police Department, Suffolk, Virginia, advised 6/25/63, he does not expect any demonstrations or trouble in connection with KING's visit to Suffolk. He stated local Negro leaders are hopeful KING's visit to Suffolk will be peaceful and without incident. The Negro leaders are also desirous of getting KING into Suffolk and out without any undue agitation by KING of the Negro population in the Suffolk, Virginia area.

Chief L. B. BUTLER also advised 6/25/63, that it is still doubtful that KING will appear on 6/28/63 in Suffolk, but probably a representative of KING's will address the rally.

Norfolk Office is maintaining active contact with appropriate sources and informants, the Suffolk Police Department and Nansemond County Sheriff's Office. Suffolk is located in Nansemond County, Virginia.

UACB Reverend KING's activities while in Norfolk and Suffolk will be followed through sources only.

The Bureau and Atlanta will be kept advised of all pertinent developments concerning KING's visit to Norfolk-Suffolk, Virginia area.

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ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will advise Norfolk of any information concerning change in KING's itinerary which would indicate that KING will not visit Norfolk-Suffolk, Virginia area as mentioned above.

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Date: 6/27/63

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Via _____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, NORFOLK 157-147 (P)

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Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau 6/26/63 indicating the Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. will speak at Suffolk, Va., on Friday, 6/28/63, before a rally in a local baseball park as scheduled. Re airtel also pointed out that Norfolk would cover Rev. KING's activities in Norfolk and Suffolk, Va., through sources only.

UACB, [redacted] informant - will attend the rally at Suffolk, Va., where Rev. KING is scheduled to speak. *(X) 4*

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau, Atlanta and Richmond. In the event Atlanta and Richmond have sources in attendance at the rally, it is requested Norfolk be promptly advised of any pertinent information developed. *2-22-82*

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/14/62, captioned as above, at New York.

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NY 694-S* advised on June 13, 1963, that
LEMENT HARRIS, CP, USA Reserve Fund functionary,
said on June 12, 1963: ~~SECRET~~

The LEVISONs, particularly STANLEY, was
MARTIN LUTHER KING's brain trust - now more than
ever before; that LEVISON had congratulated KING
as being a "real Marxist - Leninist", following a
meeting with the Assistant Attorney General of the
United States; that everything KING does he first
discusses with STANLEY LEVISON and he accepts
LEVISON's advice wholeheartedly; that the LEVISONs
feel that the CP has done little to assist the civil
rights fight for Negroes and has a "do nothing"
attitude and so they (the LEVISONs) will no longer
permit the Party to dominate or control their
activities in the MARTIN LUTHER KING movement; that
in the CP, USA, MARTIN LUTHER KING is referred to by
Party functionaries as a true, "Marxist-Leninist" and
that he is following a Marxist-Leninist line; that
the LEVISONs and O'DELL are still Party members but
do not desire to be openly "linked up" with the Party;
and, that the Party would still like to control the
MARTIN LUTHER KING movement and BEN DAVIS had been
assigned to be the liaison with the LEVISONs and
HUNTER PITTS O'DELL. ~~SECRET~~

The suitable pretext telephone call made on
June 26, 1963, to the New York City headquarters of
the SCLC at UN 6-2000, was made by SA PHILIP H.
SHERIDAN, utilizing the pretext of being an unidentified
individual who desired to secure the services of an SCLC
speaker at a fund raising affair at an indefinite place
on an indefinite date in the future.

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At New York, New York.

Will follow and report Cominfil of the SCLC.

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Atlanta Office, inasmuch as the National Headquarters of the SCLC are in Atlanta, Georgia. One copy of this report is being furnished to the Bureau file Cominfil Racial Matters, in view of the close association of the SCLC in that field.

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Synopsis:

The National Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is located at 330 Auburn Avenue, North East, Atlanta, Georgia, and the New York office is located at 312 West 125th Street, New York City. Officers of the SCLC, Atlanta, are Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, President and WYATT T. WALKER, Executive Director. Officers of the SCLC, New York, are MARTIN LUTHER KING, President; WYATT T. WALKER, Assistant Secretary; Rev. THOMAS KILGORE, Jr.; J. H. O'DELL, Administrator and Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE, Northeast Regional Director. CP influence and activity in behalf of SCLC set forth.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). This investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and result of this infiltration. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not investigating the legitimate activities of the SCLC.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be abbreviated by the initials SCLC where appropriate in this report.

A. OFFICIALS, LOCATION OF SCLC AND CHARACTERIZATION THEREOF

[NY T-1 made available on May 15, 1962,] ~~(u)~~ a brochure issued by the SCLC, which states that the address of the SCLC is 330 Auburn Avenue, North East, Atlanta, Georgia, and the officers are:

MARTIN LUTHER KING - President

WYATT T. WALKER - Executive Director ~~OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

The current Manhattan Address Telephone Directory for the City of New York, issued on May 9, 1963, by the New York Telephone Company, lists the New York City address for the SCLC as being 312 West 125th Street, New York City, with a phone listing of UN 6-2000.

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[NY T-2 advised on June 26, 1963.] ~~(u)~~

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[NY T-2 advised on November 1, 1962.]

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(u) It is to be noted that the information furnished by NY T-2 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

(u) In the event that the information furnished by NY T-2 is to be made public, the subpoena duces tecum should be directed to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] E. J. Creedon Company, 118 East 25th Street, New York City, advised on February 1, 1963, that a photograph of HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was identical with an individual who he [REDACTED] knew as JACK O'DELL and who arranged for the mailings of SCLC literature from New York City on January 31, 1963. [REDACTED] advised at this time that a recent mailing on the official stationery of the SCLC, dated January 23, 1963, which mailing contained instructions to the E. J.

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Reverend THOMAS KILGORE, JR.

On August 6, 1954, [redacted]
[redacted] 53 West 125th Street, New York
City, made available to Special Agents
(SAs) [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] abandoned records of the Harlem
Division of the Civil Rights Congress
(CRC), a former tenant at that address.
Among these records was a letter dated
March 1, 1951, wherein the Harlem CRC
thanked the Reverend KILGORE, Friendship
Baptist Church, 144 West 34th Street,
New York City, for his speech at a street
meeting sponsored by the CRC.

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The CRC has been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

BAYARD RUSTIN

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

NY T-4 advised on February 12, 1957,
that BAYARD RUSTIN attended, as a guest,
some of the sessions of the 16th National
Convention of the CP, USA, held in New
York City on February 9 through 12, 1957. (S)

STANLEY LEVISON MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

ASSISTANT TREASURER

[NY T-3] advised during early June, 1963,
that STANLEY LEVISON was a "secret"
member of the CP, USA. (u)

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

JACK O'DELL
S. H. O'DELL

NY T-3 advised that as of July, 1962, the
CP, USA considered HUNTER PITTS O'DELL to
be a member of its National Committee. (u) NY

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Creedon Company, was signed "J. H. O'DELL", the name which this JACK O'DELL customarily utilized in signing SCLC mail.

[redacted] advised that a letter on SCLC stationery, dated January 25, 1963, also containing instructions to the E. J. Creedon Company, bore the typewritten name "J. H. O'DELL, Administrator, N.Y. Office, SCLC, 312 West 125th Street", and was signed "J. H. O'DELL".

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On Page 25 of the June 12, 1963 issue of the "New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, is a newspaper article entitled, "Massive Protest in Capital Seen if Congress Fails to Aid Negroes". This article is quoted in part as follows:

". . . Reverend GEORGE LAWRENCE, Northeast Regional Representative for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. . ."

On June 26, 1963, a female who identified herself as RUTH BAILEY - office worker for the SCLC, advised a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) during a suitable pretext telephone call to the SCLC office, UN 6-2000, that J. H. O'DELL was in charge of the New York office of the SCLC and that "STAN" LEVISON was available for speaking engagements on behalf of the SCLC, although he was not immediately available in the New York area.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

NY T-3 advised on June 13, 1963, that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been described as a real "Marxist-Leninist" who is following the Marxist-Leninist line.) (S)

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[NY T-5 advised during January, 1963,] ~~(u)~~ that on January 26, 1963, STANLEY LEVISON stated that JACK O'DELL was at the time running the New York office of the SCLC. -

[NY T-2 made available on April 26, 1963.] ~~(u)~~




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[NY T-2 made available on June 23, 1963.] ~~(u)~~ information



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It is to be noted that [NY T-2 advised] ~~(u)~~ that he did not retain custody of the basic documents from which 

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(u)
[NY T-6 advised on May 13, 1963,] that STANLEY LEVISON stated that there was no leadership for the SCLC in New York City but that the New York City operation was a work shop for fund raising. NY T-6 advised that LEVISON said that the racial demonstrations then currently in progress in Birmingham, Alabama, had been planned in advance by the SCLC and in particular during January, 1963, at a meeting in Dorchester, Georgia. [REDACTED]

On Page 10 of the May 30, 1963 issue of the "New York Herald Tribune", a New York City daily newspaper, is an article entitled, "Negro Panel", in which the moderator of the panel, Reverend Doctor THOMAS KILGORE, JR. of the Harlem Baptist Friendship Church, is described as the New York "Executive" of the SCLC.

~~TOP SECRET ORGANIZATION~~ (u)
[NY T-5 advised on June 17, 1963,] that STANLEY LEVISON discussed with another intergration leader "irresponsible" statements to the press made by GEORGE LAWRENCE, Northern Regional Director of SUBJECT ORGANIZATION the SCLC. According to NY T-5, LEVISON said that the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING would soon get to the point where he would repudiate persons making "irresponsible" statements in his (KING's) name. [REDACTED] NY

B. CP INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF
OF THE SCLC

(u)
[NY T-5 advised during January, 1963,] that STANLEY LEVISON and JACK O'DELL discussed a planned rally to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York City. [NY T-5] said that both LEVISON and O'DELL agreed that the SCLC should approach the problems connected with such a rally cautiously, since if it should not be a success the SCLC would be hurt badly by being the first civil rights organization to "flop". [REDACTED] (u)

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[NY T-5 advised on January 4, 1963] (u) that STANLEY LEVISON said on that same date that he would respond to an invitation from the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING to attend a "Review Session" at Dorchester, Georgia, on January 10, and 11, 1963, where there would be a review of the policies of the various civil rights groups. 4

[NY T-5 advised on January 6, 1963] (u) that STANLEY LEVISON said that "JACK" (O'DELL), who had just returned to New York City from Atlanta, Georgia, should attend the above described "Review Session" at Dorchester, Georgia. 4

~~President~~ OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION. [NY T-7 advised on January 4, 1963] (u) that an analysis by the State of Alabama, Department of Public Safety, of an addressograph printed address on material mailed from New York City, enclosing a business reply envelope addressed to "Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC, 332 Auburn Avenue, North East, Atlanta, Georgia", and material mailed from New York City by the "National Guardian" reflected that the facilities of and/or addressograph plates of the "National Guardian" were probably utilized in the mailing of this particular literature by the SCLC. 124

A characterization of the "National Guardian" may be found in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

[NY T-6 advised during late January, 1963] (u) that STANLEY LEVISON advised JACK O'DELL concerning financial matters and also discussed with him a planned ABC radio program featuring the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. 4

[NY T-6 advised during early February, 1963] (u) that STANLEY LEVISON informed Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING on February 5, 1963, that he (LEVISON), had prepared some notes for KING to use that night for a speech. 4

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[NY T-6 advised that on February 21, 1963,] ~~(u)~~
JACK O'DELL and STANLEY LEVISON had a lengthy
discussion on the various methods of raising
funds for the SCLC. ~~(u)~~

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[NY T-8 advised on May 15, 1963 that] ~~(u)~~

Articles concerning the SCLC demonstrations
or personnel connected with the SCLC appear in the
following issues of the "National Guardian":

Page 1 of the May 9, 1963 issue
Page 4 of the May 16, 1963 issue
Page 1 of the May 23, 1963 issue

[NY T-6 advised during June, 1963,] ~~(u)~~ that on
June 4, 1963, STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER
KING discussed an interview with KING, which would
appear in the bi-weekly magazine "Saturday Evening
Post" and the various means that the public relations
man of the magazine would use to promote the sale of
the magazine containing this interview. LEVISON
advised KING, according to NY T-6, ~~(u)~~ that he should
make no commitments until it was determined if the
article was unfriendly. [NY T-6 said] ~~(u)~~ that it was
decided that LEVISON should read this article and if
he could not determine the fairness of the article
he should telephone KING for his opinion. ~~(u)~~

[NY T-5 advised that on June 12, 1963,] ~~(u)~~ MARTIN
LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON had a discussion con-
cerning the June 11, 1963 speech of President JOHN F. ~~(u)~~

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KENNEDY concerning civil rights for Negroes and LEVISON stated that he believed strongly that any mass action in Washington, D.C. should not be directed against the President. ~~NY T-5~~ said that KING agreed with LEVISON and said that the President's speech was the strongest speech he has made on the subject. ~~4~~

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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New York, New York
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Conference

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Reference is made to New York report of Special Agent Philip H. Sheridan, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

(File 100-438794) DATE:

7-17-63

FROM :

SAC, (Atlanta)

(File 100-5718)

SUBJECT:

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This case will be delinquent.

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Report due 7-17-63

Reason for the delinquency:

CR deadline

Date the report, or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau:

7-24-63

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:

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